Pfc. H. A. Lipson
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Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. "M" - 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby,
Mississippi

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

Friday,
April 16, 1943.

Dear Harold,

Your letter chased me around and finally arrived up here today. Yes the army worked with its usual manner and I wound up on a troop train in no time at all. The orders read that I was to go to Link Trainer school and was promoted to Pfc. so here we are. School has not started yet but we have been here 9 days.

The field is close to Champaign and the University of Illinois. Actually it is 1/2 hour on the bus. Then the city of Chicago is just 170 miles from there.

School lasts 3 months and we get a day a week off. Once a month we get a 100 mile pass but I think I can talk faster than that.

This field is large as can be and we are at the end of it. It should be a swell place when it warms up but now it has been cold.

The food here is the best I have had yet in the Army and it is excellent. It is a pleasure to go to the mess hall.

All we have done is dodge work and meet inspections. It has been a soft life after basic training.

The course should be interesting to me but it will be tough as I know nothing about that sort of thing.

Sorry that I can't meet you in N.O. or go home with you now but that is the way it goes. I was all set to go into the Finance office when this happened.

Do give my regards to the folks and all when you get back. I sure do miss the place and wish I could get back. I guess the house will go in no time at all.

Well, have fun and don't work too hard.

As ever,

Harry.

Pfc. H. A. Lipson
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Cpl. Harold L. Bank
167th Inf. Personnel Section,
Camp Shelby,
Miss.
A.P.O. 31, U.S. Army.

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

Monday,
June 7, 1943.

Dear Harold,

So you are now on maneuvers and I still sit in the classroom. Of course, it is not the same as the ones I used to know but it is still school. At present I have completed 7½ weeks of the 12 weeks course and then I hope to take the advanced course. This is as a Celestial Navigation Trainer Operator.

Naturally, army life is routine but the routine has been broken a bit. I went before the OCS board a while back and then passed the physical exam. I was qualified for (1) Quartermaster (2) A.A.F. administrative (now closed) and (3) Finance. Maybe something will come of it eventually.

Today I had a letter from Jacque Orenstein in the Caribbean Area. He is the Asst. Public Relations and Special Services Officer at an Air Base. He writes like he is in heaven but the only thing lacking is white women.

Sorry that I do not know any numbers in Gulfport, Miss. and I never

(over)

did know Bea.

Last week-end I went to Chicago and had a grand time. I really got drunk and raised hell but now I feel the effects of it.

Sid Goldberg wrote that he was out with Dom Frost & they bumped into Perry Cohen on Times Square at midnight. Too bad that Syd Ginsburg goes in as an enlisted man and Joseph & Cohen go to OCS but that is the way it goes.

I did call your aunt in Chicago but I received no answer and left a message at the hotel. I hope that she got it.

Thanks for all the news. I do not know any to add. Say hello to your folks and all the gang. Your pal!

As ever,

Harry



Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby
Miss.

L. Duffey
2429-3rd Ave
B'ham. Ala.

Mon. Night
at Home

Dearest Harald.

Well here it is monday night and I'm all by my self. Coak went fishing which won't bring him back till Wednesday. Josephine went home so you see things are really quiet nothing but airplans to keep me company.

Honey. I hope you got back to camp with out being so tired Did you get to sleep any on the bus? you looked kinder tired when you left. Reba noticed it too. she thinks you are very nice and she can't get over the way she acted. she is afraid she made the song impression. I told her to forget about it.

Harold, Reba and I have just gotten in from the drug store and some one left a note saying Ann has called, I hope she calls again as I don't have her telephone number to call her.

Honey, I have never seen a Week end pass so fast everybody seemed to have so much fun Reba ask me this afternoon how would I like to go to Hattiesburg for week end, I thought it would be fun if Ann were to get off and go with us.

I can't think of a darn thing to write. so be sweet and answer real soon, I love to hear from you - a real long letter. Lots of love

Lilla-

at Stan

Darrell. I started this letter last night got so sleepy it sounds crazy. hope you can make it out.

I just talked to Reba. she said her nose was kinder sore "remember" I told her if she had been a good girl it would not have happened right.. tell Sarg. hello for me.

Honey. those people won't go home and let me ~~tonight~~ write so I guess I'll have to stop..

Please call me real soon.

Love
Hilda



Cpl. Harold S. Bank
Co. M- 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

T. Duffey.
2429-37 ave
Birmingham Ala.

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Birmingham, Ala

Dearest Harold,

Honey, I thought you would never write and I really did enjoy your letter - it was a real treat for Monday night after a heavy day at store and then in town shopping late -

Harold I had dinner with Ann Sunday night down town in a rain storm I mean it rained all day with out stopping we had planned on a show. but our better judgment said go home so home we went I know you can't believe it even if you wanted to -

Honey, I'm not staying at home this week a girl friend, husband

out of town and I'm keeping the big bad Wolf away from her door. you can imagine what fun I'm having -

Harold. tell Russell, Ann has just called she has been working to-night or should I say she is working. she had a thirty minute rest so she called me - what a gal -

Say honey. you ask if I was coming over this week-end - I don't think I can - mother says we have got to come home - So I guess I will go after all my wanting to see you - I guess I had better be with my family. don't you - are you coming home? Maby I can make it the next week-end I'm trying to get Ann to come with me - all she

Won't is ~~a~~ two days off -

Guess I had better stop and get some sleep. it seems like I'm worry. worrying every one in house

So be real sweet and answer real soon -

All my love
Hilda

P.S. Please don't forget the picture. a real good one.





Ms. Harold S. Bank
Co. 167 Ft. Inf.
Camp Shelby. Miss.

Monday night
at Home

Dearest Harold.

that your note this afternoon before I left the store. honey, I can't understand it I wrote you twice last week I'm sure you have gotten them by now Did you get my telegram?

Harold. you ask what I was doing taking medicine. well it's like this I have an awful cold, Caught most of the time had to stay in bed two days last I'm better now think I will live

Harold. I tryed so hard to come over last week-end but everything went wrong so I had to give up. would give anything to see you. Darling. be sure and write me lots while an manuvers. if I were to write you real often would you get consulted I would love to send you things if you could get them.

~~Good~~ Harold. I wish I could talk to you please call me before you leave

Shelby. I am afraid to tell you cause I wonder if I should. Honey. it's not about us. I tell you more about it in my next letter.

Harold did I tell you about Bill Huffy getting married. and I helped light the candles. it was beautiful.

Darling I'm trying to write in bed so I guess I had better say so long. please write real soon. and remember I love you lots—

Hilda.



Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M - 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

W. Duffey
2424-37th Ave., N.
Birm., Ala.

Wednesday night
At Home

Dearest Harold.

Got your letter this afternoon, it is now twelve thirty and I'm writing you after an awful busy day at store, we came on down town got a scotch, which helped our feeling very much so much till I bought some new finger nail polish which is very red — How do you like the shade?

Honey, what made you start addressing my mail to the store? please send it to my home address. Course I wouldn't to be in my room when I read your mail. Now I was kidding — but please darling send it like you use to.

Harold. I would have given anything if you could have been with us Sat. night. went out to Club Rex — every one got tight — came back by Galyis for Breakfast I guess Forbes has told you all about it. why couldn't you have come home

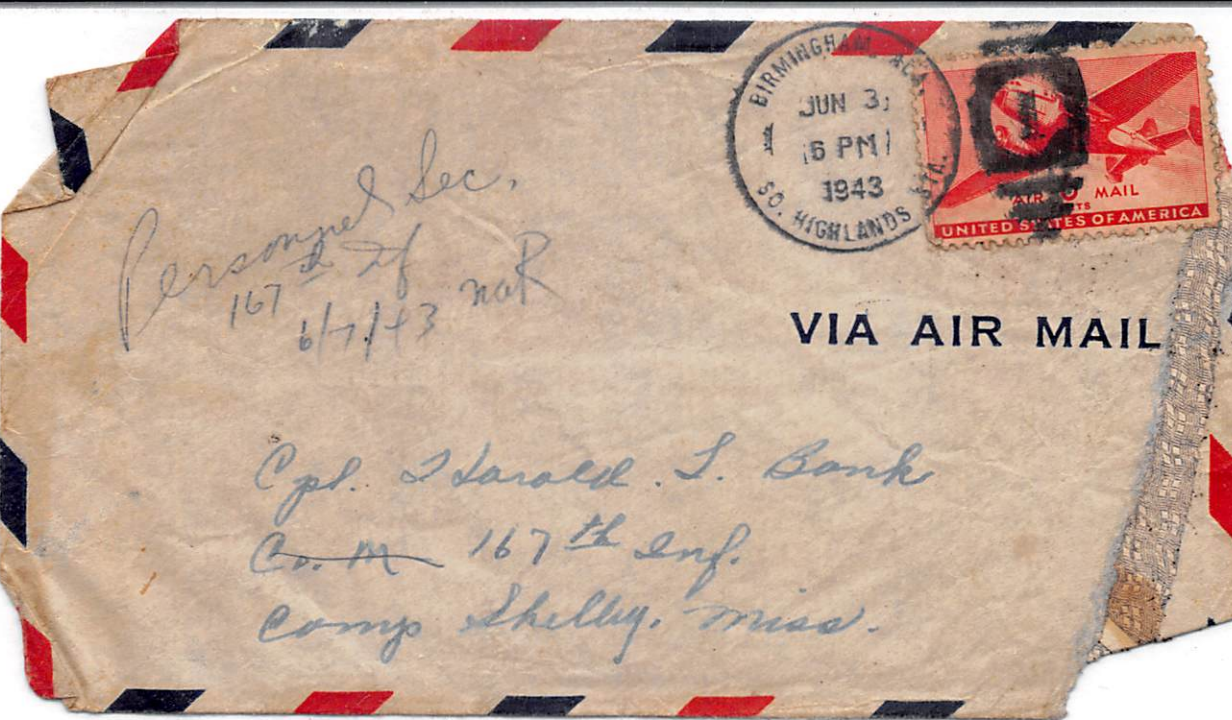
Honey. I talk to Ann every day either by phone or in person she really loves Sgt. Russell — tell him I said so. Honey please write me a nice long letter before you leave Shelby and tell me where to send your mail. I know you can't write very much and am going to miss them. I can't believe you won't come back to Shelby but I guess if Uncle Sam say no it's no.

Honey. you should see my new hair do. right on top of my head, my do I look glamorous - Ann says so — so I guess I'll let it stay - all right I'll forget the sissy talk I forgot I'm writing to a Corp. or maby a genual some day but it will be with a Capital G. then.

Darling. I so glad you are reducing just keep the good work up.

must go to bed. will write more soon — all my love

Hilda —



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Cpl. Harold S. Bank
~~Co. M~~ 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Wednesday Nite
at Home

Dear Harold.

Just a note to say I'm missing your letters so much seems ages since I heard from you. imagine you are kinder busy.

Honey. it is now twelve o'clock have just come in from Reba. she called me to eat ice cream. we ate a quart. had more fun. in an O.J. you should have seen us.

Listen Harold. Forbis says you all will be back to Shelby for a few days soon by the fifteenth anyway if this is true I'm getting my vacation then so Reba and I have decided to spend the most of it in Atlanta Ga. that is if it meets your approval. what you say.

I talk to ann every night tell Russell to be sure and write her real often. she sounded

all down to-night. Wish you all could come to Biham for the Week-end-

Thursday. a. m
before work

Good morning, Honey-
Have just gotten to work kinder early, so I'll finish this Volume no. 1- kinder went to sleep on the job last night-

Honey, please write me a note even if you are busy- Better stop as my boss is trying to read this-

All my love
Matilda



Mr. Harold S. Bank

167th Inf. Personnel Section

U. S. Army Apo. 31

Camp Shelby, Miss.

Monday night
At Home

Dearest Harold.

I sorry. I'm sitting on porch trying to write every fan in house is on but its still hot as h——. if it's any hotter in h— than it is in B'ham I think I will change my way of living, you all must really be feeling it.

Harold, my family come up this week-end mother staying over a few days I mean we are really enjoying her visit. went to the Alabama last night saw "Hell Cracking" did very well. every thing kinder quiet. Sat. night We went on a hen party. which was all wrong according to the heat so we all got sick as it was all girls we ended up with a spender night party.

Ann called me to-day. she has been kinder sick but is feeling fine again, Lille Russell he has a real sweet girl, but I'm not telling him anything, she has really

given Jack hell in big letters and I think it's for good this time - tell him I'm still keeping my promis -

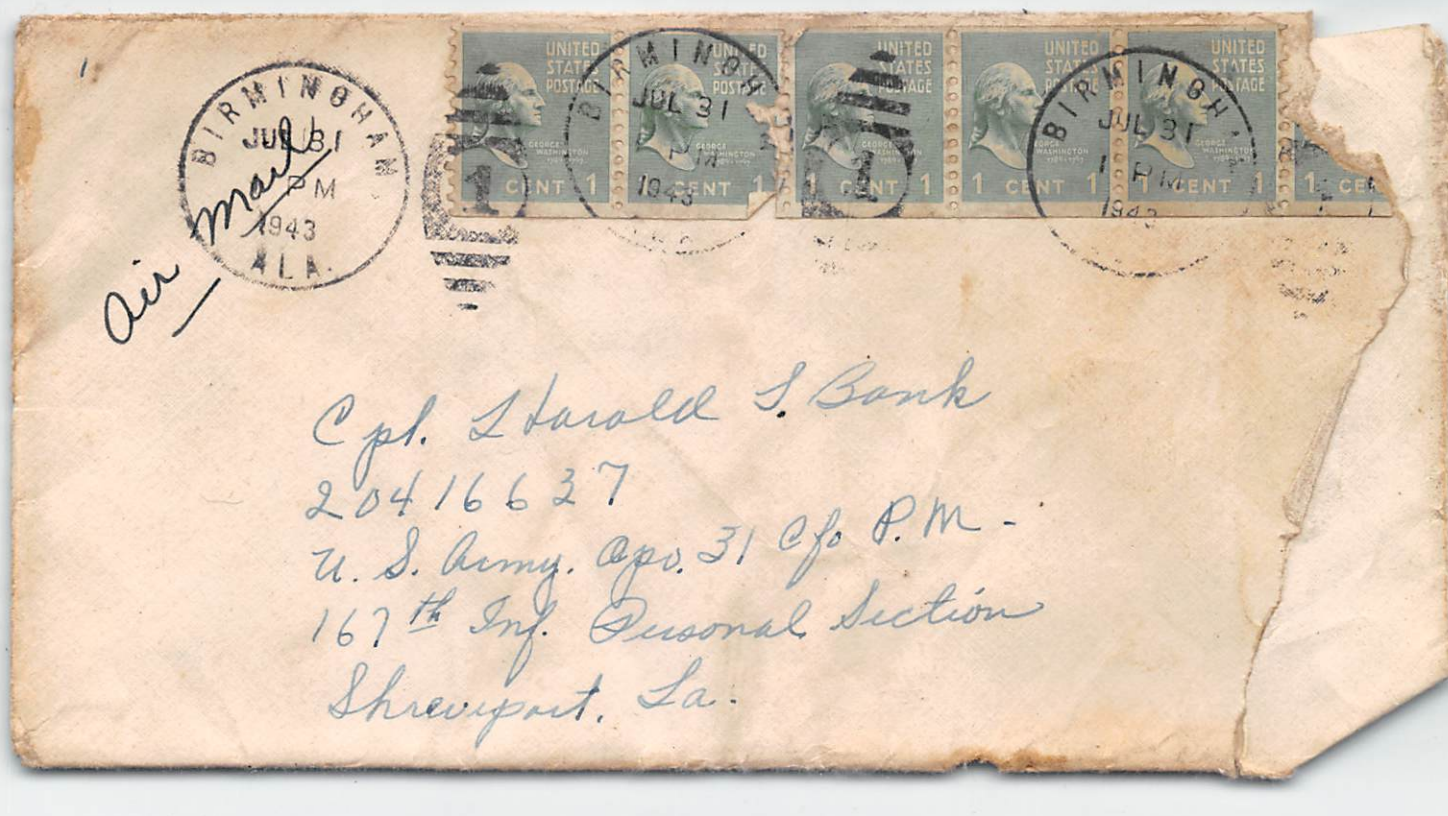
I kanold I can't wait for you all to get back to Shelby. Rita was saying to-night that Forbes has a three day leave when he gets back. How dare he do it? Ann says she is coming over we will have more fun - I can't wait -

Honey. you said you had a birthday coming up soon, wonder just when - maby we can celebrate to-gether or would you like to? I have called mrs Finches if that right? its so how she enjoyed her trip but she is always outar busy.

Must close and go to bed will write more soon maby more intersting one. when weather cools off. Honey I'm plenty hot to night and it is the sun - now don't think I'm awful -

Please be sweet and answer real soon

Love
Lilda -



Cpl. Harold S. Bank
20416627
U. S. Army. Apo. 31 C/o P.M.
167th Inf. Personal Section
Shreveport. La.

Wednesday night
at Home

Dearest Harold.

Honey, was so glad to get your nice long letter am sorry you all are having such a time on Nemves "if that's the way you spell it". do be carefal and not get to hot. Cause it wouldnt be very hard to do around hear Cause it is as hot as hell and it is the sun again -

Darling, I talked to ann last night she called soon after I got home. She had just gotten a letter from Russell, Sometimes I think she really loves him. Honey. Do you remember Ray Cooper. he was with you all in Texas. he also called me.. he seemed to remember you all very well, especially Russell seemed so nice -

Listen Honey. you don't wish you were in O'ham anymore than I do I mean we would celebrate. I'm so jelous cause your not, every thing would be perfect. to perfect maby - no I'm not crazy, maby

it's my radio to night or maby I do love you a little bit- who knows- what can it is I wont to see you- Ruba and I have been to the Drug store, the night is perfect and I come home and listen to my radio, even hear Mr. Ons. Did you? Darling I wish you were here. We could drink Scotch together- By the way can't get it till the 23rd of August- now what a shame when I didn't have but a qt on hand and my birthday coming up soon-

I hope your legs get well in a hurry cause I know it hurts, do be more careful next time must stop and go to bed before you think I tight- Darling I'm in one of my talking moods- remember my last one- and you made me go home- Honey I haven't forgiven you for that yet- I'll get even with you-

I should I have had a box of paper plates Cups & etc- ready to send you for days but just haven't had time to get them to post office- will try to real soon- honest.

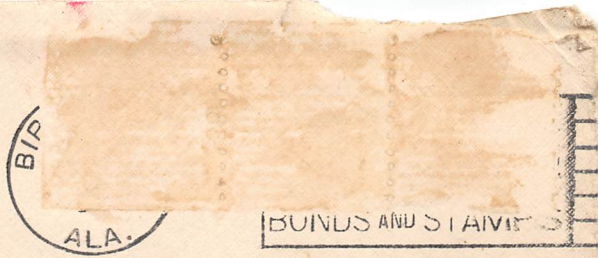
If you could only see me now all

in my night cap. Cream on my face so dup all ready for bed - you wouldn't even answer my letter much less hurry home.

Must close and turn out lights - please be sweet and answer real soon.

All my love

Lilla



Cpl. Harold L. Bank 20416627
U.S. Army. Hqs. 31, % P.M.
167 th. Inf. Personal Section
Shreveport La.

Monday. P.M.

Dearest Harold.

Just a note before going to work. As you see I'm working nights this week. kinda like it. this hot weather.

Sorry. I really enjoyed the nice long letter Sat. I was talking with some boys last night from their on three day pass. They seemed to be pround to get out Wonder if you could'nt try Coming home on pass I Could meet you in Tuscoosa you know—

Harold my sister and family from Meridian Came over this weekend she and Josephine. in other words Mr Cook Went on to Nashville I have never wanted to go home quite so bad. but this is some things you just can't do. they are staying in B'ham next week-end again so I guess I'll get to see more of them after all.

I sorry. Kinder proud of you being able to reduce in all this heat. just keep the good work's up. I'm holding my own thanks to Vitamins — and uni caps.

I feared I did'it get to finish this yesterday wile even if it is twenty four hours old. had to go to work.

Sorry, Forbes came home yesterday, came by drug store first, was kinder glad to see him why couldn't you do that please try to?

Tell Russell hello for me.

All my Love

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Hey Honey

I hope you have a nice week-end.

I love you.

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Shreveport, La.

2429-3 Ave. N
B'ham. Ala.

My Dearest Harold,

I will answer your long letter. Honey what is the matter that is the first letter in almost three weeks. wonder if you are getting my letter. miss hearing from you so much. you didn't sound exactly happy in last letter either. it just didn't sound like you at all. hope you feel better by now.

Honey. I guess you have gotten the box by now. I have so many things to send you that you can't use on maneuvers such as shower shoes. some lovely handkerchiefs and some pipe equipment as soon as you are stationed let me know. Darling I packed your paper plates and the postmaster made me take them out will try again tomorrow. I know they can't out smart me. Don't you? Right.

Honey. you see so many D.D. boys on street and in store till last night 2 M.P. arrested four I ask what they did and

of course they had run away. One real nice fellow told me where you were and what you were doing he was from Co. K. I believe. seemed to know you. he was en route to Ft. Benning Ga. also said you all would be stationed for a while in Texas. Harold didn't I hear you say you had a vacation coming up in Sept. Darling do spend part of it in Texas we will have more fun. and I want to see you more than anything almost. if you can't come to town I'll meet you somewhere How and when I do not know but I will Harold I can't come to Shreveport can't get off that long. Couldn't I meet you down by. I can't get off that long. Right. I talked with my boss to-day. the main girl has asked for her vacation at that time.

Honey. Guess what I've done? Got my self a new hair do - and a new black out fit. You should see me. Decided if I had to go to work all dressed up I'd do it right - and I am.

Harold. tell Russell I saw his wife real

often she is so sweet. haven't seen Anne in about two weeks she calles often.

Darling I must stop and go to bed will write more soon. remember I love you lots - Write me real often - Gosh I wish you were here to-night - we could have more fun -

all my love
Lillie -

P. S. Tony I will now list down the post card everyone in hotel saw it I think you bad boy.



Pvt. Harold S. Bank 20416637
U.S. Army. apo. 31. 7c P.M.
167 Inf. Personal Section
Shreveport. La.

Friday. Night
At Home

Dearest Donald.

I have just gotten home from town had several Tom Collins, Wished for you with all my heart. Why couldn't you Come home for just one more weekend real soon — Couldn't you.

I dunno. I like my job better everyday — when I see you I'll tell you all about it. Can't wait. please hurry home — I want to see you so Much. the picture on my dresser won't talk.

Yes. honey I'm over half tight. and the weather so hot. and you feel awful when you wake up. but such as life it takes that to make the world go round. but it would be lot nicer if you were here.

Must stay and go to bed — after all it just adds up to I love you —

Hilda.

Mr. Bulicer
1251 Winston Dr.
Dayton, O





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold Banks
20416637 - 0031, U.S. Army
c/o P.M.
167th Inf. Personnel Section
Shreveport, La

Hey!

Here I am in Wash. but am going back to Dayton Tu. line will write you a long letter as soon as I get settled, but let this suffice for the time.

am having a glorious time here seeing old friends + stuff.

Kan about you - am anxious to know when you are thru days. Why not drop me a line before you get my letter?

Marjorie

Naomi Feldman
320 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17, N.Y.

Cpl Harold L Bank
20416633
167th Inf. - Personnel Sec
APO 31 - C/o P.M.
Shreveport, La.

July 21, 1943

Dear Harold:—

Received your letter yesterday and here I am again.

I just finished one week's vacation — and it was perfect. The weather was lovely every day and I look like "smoke-meat" now. I'd better stay out of your path, Rebel.

The first few days I had a terrific "Charley Horse" from too much swimming, but it was worth it.

I had to return to work the past Monday and it was horrible. I think

I'll have to find myself a wealthy "daddy" to take care of me. By the way, did you ever come across any of those rare specimens in the army?

I've got my brother on the lookout for a wealthy pojpa for me. So far, no results. Looks like I'll have to keep on working - damn it all.

Well Mr B, now I know a little more about you, (I think). I approve of your viewpoint as far as girls and good times are concerned. There's too much "going on" in New York, too many drunken servicemen & prostitutes.

I wish this g-d-war would end before it's too late for the Youth of America. God, I sounded like a preacher -

Oh well, such is life -

I'll close now saying

Adios

Naomi

P.S - Henceforth, include the #17 after Brooklyn in my address - New regulation.

Miss Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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JUN 8
1943
MISS.

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
167 Infantry Personnel Section
U.S. Army A.P.O. 31
Camp Shelby,
Mississippi



Box 653
Hattiesburg
Mississippi

Dear Harald,

At the present moment I am trying to take a sun bath and write you at the same time. Can it be done. Well, honey child it surely can be done. No kidding I was indeed glad to hear from you.

I fully remember that I promised to write you, however, I also realize that you can appreciate how quickly the past week has passed and how fully my time has been occupied! Sump, mm - No kidding. Harald me again

Maybe, its because I am so sweet - mm -
In a way of repetition I'll take this place, our endeared Mississaloppi "Sho nuff - so go fatch yo grits and turnip greens"

Nothing much to say in a letter as this - I'd prefer to see you again soon. In the meantime thanks for always being so nice to me - and of course regards to Emerald.

As ever my
dear Chap,

Ruth

P.S. My red headed sis says hello. —

practically the only girl who went in swimming. Had a swell time but certainly wished you were with me. If you were here I certainly would have invited you. The truck ride sort of reminded me of the many fraternity picnics up at school that I went to. Ah! what memories-

I am practically baking in the sun right now but am determined to get that inevitable tan—

Am so sorry about the mosquitos. Last night I was also ~~was~~ practically eaten up.

worked practically all this week trying to get a darn report out. However, I have just about completed what's to be done in our particular department.

Needless to say, I have been having a very elegant time squandering my time to the wind in a wholesale reckless manner, but at the same time harvesting the fruits that only Hattiesburg can offer. Ha!

Went on a hay ride last night. The Jewish V.S.O. gave the party. We went out to some place called Butchie's Lake. I was

~~ST. CHARLES AVE.~~
~~NEW ORLEANS, LA.~~

Ruth
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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CPL. HAROLD L. BANK
U.S. Army
167th Infantry Personnel Section
A.P.O. 31 c/o Postmaster
Shreveport, Louisiana

Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dearest Harold:

Honey Chile, I received your letter yesterday and surely was glad to hear from you. It really is thoughtful of you to think of me so often. I do so want to see you, but I am afraid that it is impossible for me to do so at the present time. Governmental work has been so hard lately. Every day we have so many purchase orders for glasses to go out that sometimes I try too hard in finishing them. It has been driving me positively nuts. (not that I am nuts already). Then too, one of my helpers is quiting in two weeks and I just don't know what to do. I certainly wish Shreveport wasn't far; but as it is I would have to take off two days which is against civil Service rules unless I take a leave of absence and that I would never do as the personnel isn't going to be reduced as the government doesn't have much money. Oh why bother you with such details!

Isn't the war news grand. Honey chile it really won't be long before I'll start seeing boys in civilian clothes. I bet by Christmas the war will be over. With the doom of Italy, Japan will probably be next. (Oh happy day)

I had a surprise this week when my brother who expects to go overseas dropped in on us. He was able to obtain a furlough and gosh it really was good to see him again after a prolonged absence. My sisters and I tried to cheer him up and I do believe he had gone with high spirts.

Nothing has been cooking here but the weather and I do mean it has been pretty awful. Friday was perhaps the hottest day Miss. has had in years. Oh yes I told my brother all about a certain sweet little Alabama boy who has been exceptionally swell to me. Naturally he was interested so I told him all about you. He said he would much rather for us to go with Southerners than a "Damn Yankee" He has had to cope with practically all northerners so he must known what he's talking about. (I'm sure I don't know as I do like some of the Yankess) Hm!

This has really been a blue Monday for me. All day I just coulnd't wait til I quit work and to come home and write you. I started to write yesterday but we did a little house cleaning and didn't have time.

Oh yes I must inform you that another division has just come to Camp Shelby, Miss. the 65th (Oh boy more men! Only kidding) There is enough twerps without some more coming in. Howsbout that? Really and truly miss the 31st, especially you. Maybe the the heart grows fonder when someone is gone.

Well honey chile I guess this is aboutall the news until next time. Whatever or shall I sawy whereever you go don't forget to keep me informed as to your whereabouts.

All my love, Ruth

Miss Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.



CPL. HARLD BANK
167th Inf. Personnel Section
A.P.O. 31 c/o Postmaster U.S. Army
Shreveport, Louisiani

Box 653
Friday Nite

Dearest Harold:

I received your letter after such a prolonged time. I cannot understand the delay in my letters. I write immediately upon receiving yours. You know me, honey chile. I never put off what I can do today. I really enjoy hearing from you because your letters reflect your constant source of refreshing enthusiasm and vivaciousness. You are strictly okeah in my book!

Oh yes, guess what/! I met a fellow fraternity brother of yours by the name of Marvin Baer at the Jan. houseparty. I casually remarked at the time that if anyone ever came near Hattiesburg to be sure and look me up. Sure enough, someone knock at my front door Sunday afternoon and it was Marvin in Air Corps uniform. I was really glad to see him so Leonard Cohen, Max's brother took up riding. He had to leave on the 11:00 O'clock bus. He told me plenty of gossip so we finally talked about you. He thought you were still at Shelby and immediately wanted to see you. I told him that I had gone out with you quite a bit during your stay. He then said "That sorta lets me out". Old Harold can surely get around." How about that.

Harold, I have accumulated quite a number of friends and they all seem so glad to hear from me. I guess I'M just a nice kid to them.

I am so glad that you are having a nice time. Harold, by all means, if you do come near Hattiesburg, of course, I'LL be glad to see you and you know it. Why, a man with pretty lips as yours, I'd be a fool to turn you down! Only kidding.!.

How is Overall getting along? You never mention him anymore. Is he married again? Or what now?

It seems as if we are having to start apartment hunting again as the lady that has this apartment is coming back. Oh dear, we will probably be let out in the streets before long and then maybe someone will take pity on us. No such luck.

Got some real cute jokes to tell you: Here goes.

1. A Medical student was asked this question in class after being on an all night party. Name five reason's why mother's milk is better than bottle milk.
    1. He wrote:
        a. It is cleaner.
        b. It is fresher.
        b. Cats can't readh it.
        c. It is easier to take on picnics.
        d. It comes in such <u>cute</u> <u>containers</u>.

AN INDIAN POEM (read down)

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How about that? Well honey, this is about all the news until next time. Mys sisters send their rggards.

All my love,

Ruth

P.S. Be sure and write me when you can come down if possible because you never know where I'll be living. We really have to find another apartment somewhere.

Good bye now —

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20411627
C.M. 167th Inf., APO 31-B
c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

Dorothy Fourqurean
Box 135 College Sta.
Fredericksburg, Va.
May 21 (Sat.) 1944

Dear Harold.

Good to hear from you after all this time. And speaking of jungles here you said any I know could have something to do with one ~ namely monkeys, eyes?

We are rushing like mad 'cause graduation is a week from this Tuesday. Seems like a this Tuesday and they make every day a day for, "It's a Only day tomorrow". Well any advanced called us finish Friday and, surprisingly, it was easy. (Little women never cease?)

Last nite we had the Senior Class picnic. It was really swell, if I say so myself, and we had cute favors. They were made like a cap with a balloon that pulled out. Filled with peanuts. Wasn't much good but the look all nite in the school colors, white and blue.

You be good and let me know how things go. Are you going to call Wade a board by any chance? Please say no ~

Bye for now,
Dottie.

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Co. M. 167th Inf.
APO 31 % P.M.
San Francisco, California

Dorothy V. Fourqurean (Sender's name)
1506 Bellevue Ave. (Sender's address)
Richmond 22, Virginia.
September 24, '44 (Date)

Sunday night —

Dear Harold,

Sorry as can be but there is no typewriter available so I'll just try a little harder. I've tried to read my handwriting myself so I can sympathize with you.

Yes, Richmond is the big city. Gradually, I'm becoming accustomed to it. As for the time in which to run around — you may be right but didn't I write you about my getting up at nine-fifteen. Truthfully, though, it's grand here and I hate to retire early if it's possible to avoid same.

I was in Lynah two last week-end. A friend of mine was to leave for school that week — the girl who got to the University of Alabama — so, as usual, I didn't get any thing done. Some time this year I hope to finish unpacking from leaving school and get the night articles in the right city.

The Besler and I went walking this afternoon to Byrom Park which is near here. It is so peaceful out there. Makes me lazy.

Harold, we saw the movie "Bathing Beauty" last week and it is excellent. Laugh? Laughed ourselves sick. Esther Williams is definitely good to look upon.

Watch take care of yourself and please stay awake on those watches. Also, enjoy that furlough coming for me, too.

Bye,
Dottie

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Dorothy V. Fourgurean
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1506 Bellevue Avenue
Richmond 22, Virginia
(Sender's address)
November 15, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold.

By now you should be there in your Melanese and thoroughly bronzed. Really enjoyed your last letter. You seem to be in an ideal place — a little piece of paradise. Just hope it has been peaceful.

You should feel like an ambrosia — pineapples, mangoes and papayas for shimming. Is the water in the river clear? Cold? Enjoy it for me.

Remember my telling you about a friend of mine at the Univ. in your home state? Elise, I heard from her last week and I would like to know if everyone down in Alabama does a bit of running about. Honestly, that must be some place!!

Not long ago I saw a performance of "Blossom Time" that you would most likely have enjoyed. The time had been altered until the whole thing was a outer burlesque — hilarious and amusing. The usual setting in the gallery — and when that theater was built the impression of gallerie was the most rich possible in the smallest width imaginable — and not only was I dizzy but I had some one told me by the end whenever we stood to sing one from playing or falling into the orchestra. Now that I think of it my playing into the orchestra might have been the crowning touch.

My sister was down the month for Labor Day. She really enjoyed herself.

I'm here at home two days with a cold and I'm getting weary. It will be good to get back to work.

Please write.

Au revoir for now.

Dot

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CoM 167th Inf., A.P.O. 31
% P.M.
San Francisco, California

Dorothy V. Fourqurean
(Sender's name)
1506 Bellevue Ave.
% Mrs. R. F. Bunce
Richmond 22, Va.

July 30 1944
(Date)

Sunday night —

Dear Harold.

Well, the woman graduated and found a position and is, of course, making a million a year. Wonder what she uses! Seriously though, I am working for the P.O. at the Lynchburg Naval Base in Richmond in the capacity of chemist. That is what they call me but I am not yet classified. Needless to say, some of the gentlemen do show appreciation of my results under the limited facilities I am. I doubt if I'll be drafted I mean, literally, darn! The work is interesting and like it well.

You sounds as tho you are having a time! I'd like a room in the dorm for me, Harold. I've only been in Va. this year and hopefully. Am homesick for the coast. So many sounds make me appreciate the the water about! I bet you get to see a movie. Speaking of pictures, "Stormy Weather" is one I'll always regret missing. I definitely hope it will be shown back in Richmond. Lately I have seen "The Outside Wife" and "The Adventures of Mark Twain". Both were excellent. If you have a chance to see the latter by all means do!!

My place for the immediate future seems settled: early to bed and to rise work hard. All present that is except one Mr. Vinnedo does. They like to have for work at seven in the morning and after six weeks I still have difficulty rising at 6:15. Sundays I lay me when weather and the darkness of morning still around. I'm ready however.

Harold take care of that wonderful child and I wish I was there. Please write and take care of yourself.

Best. Dottie

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EMMY LOU METTENBRINK
(Sender's Name)
5508 HYDE PARK
(Sender's Address)
CHICAGO, 37, ILL.
9/23/44
(Date)

Dear Harold

Well I got your card from you up. I was glad to hear from you + know that you are fine. I was also wondering where you were. Well, here I am in Yankee Country visiting my Mom's sister and husband, the Bazlons. Who you will, write me in care of them. Am still taking my training at Michael Reese and I love my work as it's most interesting. Time seems to have gone fast since July 3rd. Sightseeing such a big city as this is much to do and I enjoy it. I really feel like a native now. I got stuck a honey and I going to the plays + nite spots, honestly it's getting cold here already + I'm sure glad I'm going to Miami to train where it's warm. Snowing here now + then + roads in Sept. At home it's still summer. I'm having a Wolfpuller to-day. I envy it. Not for it. I hate to shave my face but I'm still just a fuzzy face with no desire to have a little soldier. I think I'm through for a while. Drop me a card + tell me what's new + how you like school. Take care of yourself + write soon.

Love
Emmy Lou

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Gena and David Rosenfeld
(over)

Dear Harold— 12-4-44

Just a few lines to let you know we are thinking of you. Mailed you a package that should have reached you by now. Hope it arrives in good condition & that you enjoy it.

Many thanks for the souvenir money. Done planned to write you many times - but like always put it off.

Lottie was over to the office to see me this afternoon. They are all fine & your mother seems so happy to have Lottie home. Always enjoy hearing from you. Take care of yourself & remember we think of you often - Love & Dove



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Dear Harold:

Got your letter the other day & sure was glad to hear from you, but so far none my family. Just a note. Yep I am still 1st Sgt. Maybe you are just lazy, sound like a good fella Dan Shane.

So you think New Guinea is bad, well one Army M/Sgt. spent two years there on the front & he is willing to go back any day from this place. It rains here all the time, malaria & piles, all the filth & disease in the world must have come from here. One Englishman said the other day "If I could kill & India, I would live in hell & rent out India" that's what they think of it.

Haven't seen any body I know from home, got a letter from my wife, she said Sam Beatty was home.

Reckon you know what kind of an outfit this is, look around there

& you will find all one & they can tell you all about it.

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Tell your folks hello & write when you have time. As ever

Harry.


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20 December 1944

Dear Harold:

Received your letter last night and was very gald indeed to hear from you and was surprised to know you were in such a nice place, though we had it good over here but yours is even better than ours. So far except when we first got here we haven't turned a hand to do anything but run the pipeline. We hire all the rest of it done. Pretty nice to. We use a lot of native labor to do work also on pay day it looks like the have hired all the coolies in India. What a mess, one of my clerks does nothing but take care of a civilian payroll, he is a corporal and my other two clerks are Tec 4 and I am trying to get them staffs for xxxxx but don't know how long its going to take me.

Say how did you like Patrick Henry we left from there, while we were there every was on K.P. xx and all the officers were Mess Officers except the Captain and myself. Did you'all run into the same thing, Thought I would be smart there on account of there was a WAC T/5 doing all the work in the area where we were, so I went down and tried to give xxxxxx her the business and date her up so we could get out of a lot of xxxxxx details but that Bitch gave me the business alright, and she was ugly as hell to, but we did'nt stay there but a about three days, then we pulled out. That ship we came over on had the lousy grub ever and we did M.P. xxxx duty all the time we were on board, 8 on and 12 off or something like that . Hope we never have to go through that again. Did'nt know you had gone through two invasions hope you are as lucky as you have been, looks like the only invasion we will ever make is to the chow line and back. We are running a hell of a big business over here and if it wasen't for us those planes would't be going over the hump or doing any thing over here. Wish I could tell you alll about it, but read some of those special service charts when you get a chance thats us. Sure would to help you loaf on the beach sure could use a clean breath of air, India stinks all the time and there is no place thats clean, if you worked half as hard at home as we do over here to get things half cleaned up it would be spotless. You have seen some of it down there you know how it is. When a man gets the clapp over here its just twice as bad as it is in the states.

All in all we can't compalin about things over here, we have a movie three or four times a week, ice cold beer all the time, coca cola most all the time and we are allowed to hire personal servants to wait on us hand and foot, we use natives in the kitchen so there is no K.P. we hire all the guard duty done, by Gurka Guards so it isn't so bad, of course that is only at Headquarters, when I go up country I try to go at least once a month, its a different story, it takes me at least three weeks to make the trip and that's not fooling around any xxxx its means being armed, C and K rations and all the rest. Just got a telephone call one of the men here who is on D S with us has a sick mother at home so he is going home on a furlough tomorrow or the next day, how would you like that? He had been over there a little over two years guess he can stand it. Course we don't get all those good things to eat you get over there, we hardly eat anywhere but in our own Mess Hall it just isn't safe. Say how's the Malaria over there, its sure rough here, Malaria gives us more trouble than anything else, so far I have been lucky. Have you lost any weight yet, I was 38 in the waist when we left the states and now I am 31 and about 30 pounds lighter. Don't get the idea that I am bragging about all this its just that about all we have to talk about over here is just our camp, and so forth. xxxx How do you like the dark skinned babes. That all we see over here and so far I haven't fooled with them so many of the guys have

been burnt that it scares you. We haven't had an inspection since we got here and I don't imagine that we will for a long time.

Sure was glad you heard about Bert but don't be surprised that we don't beat you to China its alwful close from here.

Harold the thing that you should have done was the same as I did marry before you left home, that's the thing to do and I haven't been sorry one minute since then, should have married a long time ago.Married life was w nderful the short time it lasted. I am still married but had to leave on account of Uncle Sam said lets go so I went. Looks like everybody we know is an officer dosen't it, oh well I can't complain had my chance to and did get by so I am satisfied as I am.

You get more news from home than I do, but you know how it is I never did care much for the home town news anyway and now about all I care about is a letter from my wife, I been away so long now xk don't think I know anyone there, but I am sorry about the boys that got killed but lots more I know have gotten it to, reckon we are lucky. Say tell me one thing how did they ever get you out of the orderly room. It must have been some job, like it better than inside. I do, for four months over here I never went into the orderly room although I was still 1st/Sgt. I was on the line pushing coolies, building stuff and all that, my clerks did all the office work, it enjoyed it and still do lots on account of my clerks are A 1 and they know their business. Two of them are graduates of an ammy school at Huntington State Teachers College in Texas and they know all the answers.

Must close and find out more about this man going home, if I see Bert before you do I will tell him hello and you do the same. Don't think I am bragging about all this but what you have read is just all we have to talk about over here.

As ever

Hans

FROM Pfc. H. Lipson, 34702624
Hq & Hq. Sqdn. 14th B.F.T.
Newport, Arkansas.

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Feb. 15, 1944
1400 Tuesday.

Dear Harold,

Thanks for all the news about the boys. I really love to hear from them and I do try to keep up with them. I almost went to Roma this 3 day pass but I did not want to go on a week-end. I guess that my next pass will take me there.

Instead I visited the Lyons of Marks Miss. again and I had a grand time. It really was pleasant living that I liked so I was a satisfied soldier when I returned last night all the best in food, drink, and contentment.

Upon my return I found snow, ice and a freezing barracks. This morning the grate was burned out in the building so we shivered through work. Now I have my mail stacked around me. The collection for 3 days was 15 letters and 2 packages.

Among the letters I heard from Jacque Orenstein. Nothing new but he is working hard at his job. I haven't heard from Newmark or about him in ages. Sue Felt dropped me a line but no news there either. I did hear that Chuck Klein and Annie Cohen are about to become Dads.

I am already "sweating out" my next

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furlough in April and the hopes of a pass in March. The days here are dull and monotonous on the field. One day melts into the next as I work, play cards, write letters, see a movie etc.

I have my fingers crossed about Bert as I know how you must be worried. He is lucky and smart enough to avoid most of the trouble and I think he will return home safely. He could talk his way out of a paper bag.

In Memphis I tried to reach Capt. Marvin and Jane Warner but I did not succeed. When I get off next month (I hope) to B'ham. I should really get the news. Sid Goldberg wrote that he met Lyle Friedlander in New York. I guess that Sid is on his way now. Sid Rosen is in the Southwest Pacific as a S/Sgt. now. Guess that covers all the news. I will send your letter on to Jacque Orenstein as he will enjoy the news.

all the best to you. Good luck.

As ever,

Harry.

FROM Pfc. H. Lyson, 34702624
Hq. & Hq. Sqdn. 14th B.F.T.G.
Newport, Arkansas.

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M. - 167th Inf.
APO-31B
C/o P.M.
San Francisco, California

INSTRUMENT TRAINER DEPARTMENT

AAF Pilot School (Basic)
Newport Army Air Field
Newport, Arkansas

March 2, 1944
1740 Thursday

Dear Harold,

It was good hearing from you again, but the new address was a surprise. Your present location and the PM differed so that I wondered about it. I did notice that your letter was censored with a blue arrow pointing to my name. Hmmm. Guess that I'm a suspicious character.

Things are just as unsettled here as ever with rumors flying around here and there. I still expect I'll spend the duration on this field, but if not, in this country. The training of cadets may be altered but some men will still be needed. As an instructor and a tech school grad I'm an army specialist. I can feel that I've done a little bit toward making a good pilot — one that will live to fly again.

Today I had a card from Dr. Ben Steinberg and he writes that he is having the time of his life in New York. I hope to see him when I get up there on furlough. Cadet Harry Lipsitt dropped a card from A.M. OCS where he just arrived. Stan Bloom wrote from ASTP in Texas. He is wondering just

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what is in store for him. Herb Ginsberg called my cousin in Miami where he is for basic training at AAF BTC #.

I had a long letter from Jacque Orenstein and he is a changed man since his marriage. He said he wrote Bill and Bubber and offered to pay his old bill with a check to be used to reopen the house, but he hasn't had an answer. He really is more serious since his marriage, and I expect we will hear more about him as he succeeds in future years. He is doing a great job in Panama.

Syd Goldberg is on his way and has written a bit about the long, cold watches, and the passing of time. He should have some tales to tell soon.

If I get a 3 day pass this month I hope to go to Bama and B'ham. and see the place. Bruce Futhey wrote me from New Orleans that he saw Money Sokol there. He gets his bars from OCS soon. Oh, the chief clerk of our squadron is Bill Abernathy from Tuscaloosa. I am sure that you know him. He said to send his regards.

Have a big time Harold while you can. The best of luck to you. I'll keep on writing and you do the same.

As ever,

Harry.

Pfc. H. Lipson, 34702624
HQ & HQ SQ, 14th BFTG
Newport Army Air Field
Newport, Arkansas

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APO 31-B,
% PM. San Francisco, Cal.

Section B.
HQ & HQ SQ, 14th BFTG
Newport Army Air Field
NEWPORT, ARKANSAS

May 17, 1944.

Dear Harold,

Your letter written April 30th arrived last night. It was the first time I have heard from you in ages although some of my letters must not have gotten through as I wrote you several times. I had heard that your outfit was in New Guinea from Lt. Bill Abernathy, our section clerk, who has a brother in your outfit. I can only imagine what it is like, but that is enough for me.

I had a terrific furlough from April 13th to the 28th. It was a marvelous time as I got to Washington, Newark, New York, Philly. In Washington I saw the Bonhams, Alyea, Chapmen, and I heard that "Mike" Mateo, my grader, is now a pilot.

In N.Y. I spent a terrific time with Dr. Ben Steinberg who is just the same as ever. I called the Pitschs and learned that Art is married and a Lt. in the Engineers in North Africa.

On the return I stopped in and had

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dinner with Mrs. Jacque Orenstein. She is a swell girl with plenty of personality, looks, and brains. Jacque is still in Panama plus a mustache.

Back to the field and the old routine as an Instrument Trainer Instructor. Our field is due to close next month so we will just be around a few more weeks. Then what happens is dubious and unknown.

Sid Goldberg is still in England. Bob Engel and Renee expect an heir in November. Ben Engel is a Lt. now stationed in Atlanta. Jillene married the 30th of April but to who? — Chuck Klein is to be a daddy any day. Both Eps expect soon. Chuck is a paratrooper officer in England.

Sid Ginsberg hurt his foot on maneuvers and expects to be transferred from the Infantry. Herb Ginsberg is in the Infantry at Camp Rucker, Ala. Stan Bloom is in the Inf. at Camp Maxey, Texas. Lt. Sam Jospin is now stationed at Camp Lee while Stevens and Frost are still in OCS at Benning.

The house has been returned to us with $2300 for rent and it is being redecorated by the Govt. All we need is men to fill

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it up.

Bob Engel wrote that he saw S/Sgt. Reynold Bubis in Atlanta and he asked for us. John Chapman is now a German prisoner of war. Snitchii Siegel, 2BT, was killed in a training crash on this side.

All is about the same with me. I have hopes of a last 3 day pass before the field closes and I hope to go to B'ham. Then comes the time when I cross my fingers and hope for the best when I am transfered. Here's hoping it is a decent place.

You should have plenty to tell when this is all over. My excitement has all come from my rides in the air and my few trips. I doubt if I will be sent across because of my knee — but I may be better off at that.

Take care of yourself and do write.

Good luck.

As ever,

Harry.

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Newport, Arkansas

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Newport Army Air Field
NEWPORT, ARKANSAS

May 27, 1944.

Dear Harold,

Yesterday I received your letter of May 14th and it was a real treat to hear from you out there. I really was surprised at the typing, but I realize that you are an old office man and a good one. I do hope that our correspondence holds up this way as it is a good one.

From what you wrote I gathered that life out there must be rather rugged and tough. Just the heat sounds terrific and the distances must be great for everything. If I had to rely on my legs to take me everyplace I'd be in bad shape. My knees have been giving me the devil and the right knee is the worst. Maybe when this damp weather passes I'll be in better shape.

I was glad to learn that you had heard from Bert again and that he is well. It must be a relief to get a card from him now and then. Boy, I am sure that you will be glad when that family reunion comes around. And how.

Hell, I just returned from a delightful three day pass that stretched to 5 days. I had

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intended to go to Tuscaloosa but no passes would be signed to travel that far. So I settled for a chance to go visit the Lysons of Marks, Mississippi. I had a grand time with them as they are fine people and perfect hosts. Of course, Miriam made the stay more than just pleasant.

Now I am back to the field and the general routine. It is just about over as this is the last class to be trained at this field. Then the Navy take it over as of July 1. We should finish our part of the instruction in another week or so and then we will "sweat out" the next place and assignment. Just where, when, or what is unknown. I hope that we go to a decent place — and that we don't get too many chicken details before we leave.

My first cadet just came in to start my 5 hr. instruction period for the day. While he practices I'll chew on my pipe and finish this letter.

On the whole the stay at Newport has not been too bad. While the town is dull and dead (and dirty) the field for me has been very easy-going. No formation, drill details, P.T., K.P., or even the gas chamber as I have a medical excuse from practically everything. I have been here 10 months today and I can't complain over-much. Here I just got back from a pass and I have a week-end pass from tonight un-

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NEWPORT, ARKANSAS

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til reveille Monday. It has always been that we could get a week-end pass or ah off-duty pass so we have plenty of time in town if we want it. I may go to Little Rock this week-end.

In the line of news the wires have not been bringing in very much. I did hear from Stan Bloom in Texas that Paul Levy had been wounded in Italy. No details. Stan had been on two weeks furlough and is becoming a rugged little Infantryman. Sid Goldberg is still in England, but at a new base. He has a jobget-ting supplies but he also is in the market for playful girls. He has been having quite a time.

Everyone seems to be headed overseas so they don't write very often. Spike Lubanow is now at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. with an airborne Infantry outfit. He is now at Pvt. having been busted again. He also is engaged to a WAC at Ft. Benning, Ga. from Conn.

In the line of marriages Bob Engel wrote me that Ethelene was married, but I do not know to whom. Bob and Renee expect in November.

At Bama the news is that many of the faculty will be out of jobs for lack of students. (own)

They are now taking exams down there so it is the playful season. I wonder if they will have a good summer session. Bruce Futhey was inducted in a limited-service classification after his 5th trip to the induction center. He had been an accountant with a big accounting firm in New Orleans.

I heard from ~~Ensign~~ Lt. (jg.) Joel later once in a very long letter. He is really changing and wrote that he would like to try to settle in Alaska when the war is over. As that is the last frontier he wants to carve his name on it. Some boy.

Mike Goodfriend is a Capt. in Engineers and a Base Mess Officer. I heard that Lt. Ira Warner (Navy) has been in the South Pacific several times and is there again.

That seems to cover all the news, old foot-soldier, so I'll say adios amigo. Give them hell out there and stop taking a beating yourself. You can afford to lose the weight anyway. Good luck and best wishes and regards to Jim and all.

As ever,

Harry.

Pfc. W. A. Lipsen
5th T.S.S.
B No. 44,
Chanute Field,
Illinois.

CHANUTE, ILL.
JUN 15
8-PM
1943

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
167th Pursonnell Section,
A.P.O. 31, U. S. Army.
Camp Shelby
Mississippi.

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

Tuesday.
June 15, 1943

Dear Harold,

Those office jobs sound damn nice to me but I just seem to be stuck with this course until I can finish it and get out of it. I am not taking radio but Link Trainers Instructors Course and it is very interesting.

I will give you a couple of addresses that you asked for. They are:

Midshipman Sidney J. Goldberg
U.S.N.R. Midshipmen Schools
Furnold Hall — Room 333,
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Jacque S. Orenstein
Army Air Base Hdqrs.
% Postmaster
New Orleans,
La.

All the boys must be in the army now & God knows where they are. I have not heard from or about Al Goldberg in years. Spike will hold down a supply room for the duration and I'll be a G.F.O. If I am lucky I will get called to O.C.S. sometime soon. I do hope that I get there.

I haven't seen any of the boys in Chicago and all are spread around the country. The last I heard of Stan Bunnin he was in O.C.S.

You get the maneuvers and we get hell all afternoon in calisthenics. They really give us a helluva workout

and you are dead when it is over. Tomorrow we have endurance tests and Thursday another orientation movie "Battle for Britain".

They are spraying our barracks so we moved and are really roughing it down the street. A mattress + pillow + no clothes. It is still better than maneuvers.

It is a shame that you are getting ~~to Chicago so late~~ as I will probably ship from here July 10th. I probably will go West or South and that will be O.K. by me. I sure would like to go to Tuscaloosa but we can't have everything.

We have to run in a minute so I'll be on my way. I have to march the formations now and that is crap. At least we get to sleep and that is something. They have had some swell entertainment on the field but being on the night shift we miss all the fun.

Have to run now. Best regards to all. My writing is still as good as yours. Say hello to all for me.

As ever,

Harry.

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TO: Sgt.Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co.M, 167th Inf. APO 31
SFM,San Francisco,Cal.

FROM
Pfc.Harry Limon,34702624
Section 8
Newport,Arkansas.
July 6, 1944

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAR HAROLD,

YOUR LETTER OF THE 22nd CAME YESTERDAY AND I FOUND IT IN A BUNCH OF LET- TERS THAT I HAD WHEN I GOT BACK FROM A GRAND TRIP TO MEMPHIS. I PICKED UP AN EXPRA PASS FOR TWO DAYS AND CELEBRATED THE FOURTH WITH THE LIPSONS. THE NEW LT. WAS HOME WITH HIS GIRL,DOTTY KAHN, OF MOBILE AND THEY SPENT SEVERAL DAYS AT THE PEABODY. WE HAD A MARVELOUS TIME EATING AND DRINKING AND I ENJOYED ALL THE LUXURIES OF A CIVILIZED TOWN AGAIN. IT DID ME GOOD AS I WAS GETTING RATHER BLUE FROM DOING SO LITTLE AND WAITING FOR ALL THE ORDERS. WE SHOULD HEAR SOMETHING SOON AND GET OUT OF HERE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

THERE ISN'T ANY EQUIPMENT OR EVEN CHAIRS LEFT AROUND SO I AM USING THIS BEATEN UP TYPEWRITER IN THE ORDERLY ROOM. IT HAS BEEN HOT AND STICKY AND THEY HAVE US HELPING THE CARPENTERS CONST THE TRAINERS. WE HANG AROUND ALL DAY AND PERHAPS DO A LITTLE WORK WITH THE IT. BEATING ALL THE TIME. SOME LOUSY LIFE SO I WILL BE GLAD TO GET OUT OF HERE.

THERE ISN'T ANY NEWS AS I HAVEN'T HAD A MY MAIL IN QUITE A WHILE FROM THE FELLOWS. I DID HEAR THAT JOE ENGEL GOT HIS COMMISSION ALONG WITH THE OTHER GANG FROM DAMA AND IN THE SAME CLASS AS HARRY LIPSON.

JACQUE GOLDSTEIN WAS PROMOTED TO FIRST LT. AND IS HAPPY AGAIN.

MAYBE NEXT TIME THERE WILL BE SOMETHING NEW TO WRITE. ANYWAY THIS MISERABLE ATTEMPT BUT I HAVE BEEN SITTING ON A CRATE AND NOW THEY WANT TO MOVE IT.

BEST REGARDS AND GOOD LUCK.

AS EVER,
Harry

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO: SGT. H. L. BANK, 20916632
Co. "M" - 167th Inf.
APO - 31. % P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FROM: PVT. H. LIPSON, 34702624
2111th A.B.U. SECTION B.
BARF. BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.
9 AUGUST 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Dear Harold,

Your letter came just a day or so ago after I'd given you up here from Newport. I was transferred July 15th and it took until now to get it. I'm stayed in Arkansas. This is about the same set-up as Newport but a much nicer town (Memphis) and location. We are just 70 miles from Memphis, and a week-end pass makes it a swell distance to go. We get every week-end off so I'm a broke G.I. already.

The last news I heard was that "Chuck" Goldstein had a mental crack-up that will, in time, leave him bed-ridden. He married a gentile girl and I'd bet it was hard on her. He has a C.D.D. now.

"Chuck" Klein is a poppa and has been in France since the day before D-day. He is up for the DSC and Silver Star. No word from Sid Goldberg in ages. I better write to Margaret and get the score. Dave Cubel is now a Major while Moe Warner is still a Capt. Our buddies!

I know that you are doing a great job down there so just keep it up. Put in a few my good luck for Bert and the fam. Poor Jerry. He now has his artificial leg. When we get together I'll bet I can still out-consume you — and no 3.2 stuff.

Best of luck in the riches and all the time

As ever

Harry.

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A.P.O. 31 % P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FROM
PVT. H. LIEBOWITZ 3[illegible]
211TH A.B.N. SEC. B.
R.A.O.F. Clydesville, Ark.

(CENSOR'S STAMP) SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (Sender's complete address above)

9-13-44.

Dear Harold,

Your letter arrived today after the long journey. I was delighted to hear from you and of your activities. It is tough out there but you will give them hell and a little more than they asked for. When you are thinking in that foxhole, just think of the night things as it won't be too long however til you'll be walking home.

Orenstein writes from Panama that all is well and the boys are in the pink. Sol Feldberg is LST 500 in the invasion of Southern France. Last time he wrote he was in Italy. Capt. Richard Jacobson received the DFC for his part in leading the air force intensely glider on D-Day. Jervis Finkelstein from Glen Ridge, N.J. he was missing in action since July 25TH in Normandy. Iked a day pass the 2ND 4TH 5TH of Sept. go I went back to Rome after 19 months. The place looked good to me and I saw almost all the people from town. I stayed at the A.B.N. house when Harold & Betty Norman are visiting there also and felt very much at home. Jacobson looks fine and is thriving. She was here. Hey there is quite an addition to the town. Irvin Estis the shoe boy is still there. I saw Dee Gelford, Knight, Peters and all and they advised me to get my O.C.D. when I get out.

A Big Happy New Year to you and all. Good Luck.

As ever,
Harry.

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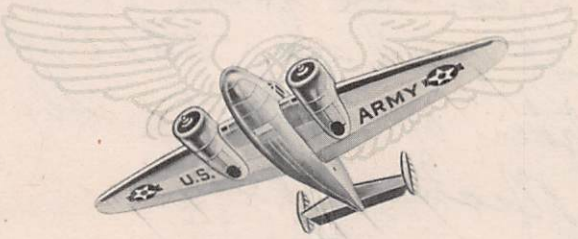
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A.P.O. #31
% P.M. San Francisco.
California



BLYTHEVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD

October 31, 1944.

Dear Harold,

I just returned from a two week furlough in Philly to find that the mail had stacked up a bit and your letter was one of the first to be answered. I really was surprised to see where you were and the eager description that you put in it about the tropical isle. I just hope that you stay there as long as I have been in Arkansas.

I arrived on the field at 6:10 this morning and I was at my desk at 6:30 and on the job. At noon I had a chance to straighten out my bunk and my clothes and check the mail. Actually I haven't heard much in months from the gang, but I found 11 letters here when I got back. I decided to send your letter to Sid Goldberg and vice versa. I also enclosed a letter from Dr. Ben Steinberg as I thought you would get a kick out of it.

Well, the first surprise was

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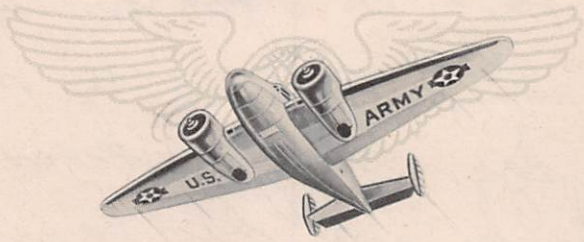
the picture you enclosed of Ruth Alpert. I knew that she graduated from Northwestern as a Dental Hygenist and also that she married a Lt. Bob Metzker of Newark. She is living and practicing in Miami.

Secondly, to answer some of your questions. On my trip to Bama I did not see folks as it was Labor Day and Sunday so I could not get around. I called and left message at the store for them.

Third Harold and Betty Bloom are residing on the first floor of the house as they could not find a place to live — and someone was needed to take care of the house. They have a very cute daughter and the second is due any minute now.

For the news that I picked up on my trip and in the mail we start out in St. Louis at the station. There I bumped into Lt. Sam Jospin who looked like a million dollars in that uniform. Sam is in charge of colored troops at Camp Ellis, Ill. He reported that Bernie Stevens graduated from Infantry OCS.

At home I saw Herb Sleeper who is a senior at Penn Dental School. He and I went to see Penn-Navy play and it was like old times. Bobby Tom Jenkins and Don Whitmire were the stars as Navy beat Penn 26-0.



BLYTHEVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD

In New York I saw Ben as I wrote you on his letter. I also stopped by Columbia & N.Y.U. with an eye to a Ph. D. when I get out of this uniform. I saw Jimmy Hammerslein and we talked about everyone.

Back at home I had a call from Jerry Weinberg in Baltimore asking me to come down for dinner. I could not make it, but it was good to hear his voice. He has a daughter one a year old.

Irv. Finkelstein is still missing in action. I heard that Chuck Klein was injured in France, but no details. Herb Ginsberg and Stan Bloom are now in England. Jacque Orenstein has had himself transferred from Panama to the Guadalcanal. I had dinner with his wife in the Rock. St. Louis last night.

Bob Engel is now a Jr. in dental school while Renee is expecting around Nov. 15th. Don Frost and Dot Ellen are also

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expecting an heir.

Lt. Harry M. Lyons Jr. 2BT and Dottie Kohn of Mobile were married about three weeks ago. As you know I am very friendly with he and his family — the Lyons stick together.

Sue Felt wrote me that Bama is dead as can be. Dick Baranick paid a visit down there. One who used to be down there a lot was Ensign Le Roy Brannan. He is now in the Pacific and in action.

The Navy has done a terrific job and yet there is a hell of a lot to be done. No one knows better than you do. Still I can see that the future is not too bright.

Speaking of politics, I saw Pres. Roosevelt on his trip to Philadelphia. Some fun — but he looked good to me.

The best of luck to you, Harold, and the best to all.

As ever,

Harry.

11 October 1944

Dear Harry,

Well yesterday I received mail for the first time since the last part of August and boy it was something. Now the only thing that is wrong is that we have not been paid since the 16th of August. But that will be taken care of pretty soon as we are now the group flag ship of the flotilla and the new commander that we have aboard is in charge of 12 LST's. The only good part of it is that he will bring his staff aboard and in it will be a paymaster. Then I don't imagine that we will go through the long delay before we get mail as in previous months.

It was very nice to hear of all of your experiences on the labor day and on that day I think that I was sitting on the shores of France. I have something to tell you and that the last few days I had liberty in France. All the things that one could imagine, with the outdoor cafe's plenty of good looking women (and not hard to do much with) along with plenty of cognac and vermuth. (we mixed them both and I guess it was very similar to mixing boiler makers. About a week ago I took in the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and that was one of the finest sights that I have ever seen. The thing that impressed me next to climbing the 292 steps that led to the top was the fact that it was leaning at such an angle and still standing. The church and the shrine that adjoined the place were really beautiful. The ancients of Italy were really skilled men with the tools of the old world. The statues that were carved out of marble were hard to visualize.

Right now we are in Italy and tomorrow we will be back on our shuttle run. The only good thing is that we are nearing an end and should be heading back to the states pretty soon I do imagine. I am still holding my fingers crossed that we will be home in time for the Turkey day but I will not even feel too bad if we make it home in time for the Christmas day affairs. Boy my typing is really getting on the fritz and I guess it can be traced to the fact that I do not have much to time with and then the time that I have to type is taken up in other ways (I guess you could say mostly in the sack).

I guess by now that Bob and Renee should be celebrating the birth of a son or daughter and I know that they will be very happy which ever it maybe. Tonight I had a date but as we got in kinda late she had already made previous arrangements so I guess I will have to take the chance on it the next time that I come down here.

We drew our ration of beer and I now am the proud possessor of a case of Rupperts beer. That is the first that we have drawn since we have been overseas and I know that I prize it along with the other things that I have. The weather over hear has stirred up the sea and we are running along on pretty rough water here of late but I guess that is one of the disadvantages of being a sailor on a flat bottom tub. I still have my hopes in when I get back to the states that I will get a shore base job but if I am not luck enough I hope to get a cruiser or some other large craft. Just sweating out the time until I get my advancement and I guess that it should be pretty soon as I think that the Almav will be in Naples around the 10th of the month(which was yesterday.

Saw in the paper where Bama was scheduled to play LSU but I did not see the out-

come of the game. That is one way we are not too lucky as we do not get the "Stars and Stripes"every day and in that way we miss some of the sports. Did you get to see any of the world series that was played in St. Louis. We listened every night to the game as we would get them right after the movie was over. That really gave us a good night of entertainment, and I really enjoyed it, only wish that it would have gone 7 games so it would have ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ offered us a little more listening pleasure.

Tonight I do not have any night watches but I have a few letters to answer but in any case I do plan to get to bed fairly early so that I will be good and rested for my watches tomorrow.

Well old ~~xxx xxxx~~ pal excuse the messy letter, but do write more often and I will try to do the same.

As ever,

Sidney

SID GOLDBERG.

B. J. STEINBERG, M.D.

Staff House
Coney Island Hospital,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sunday Night.

Dear Harry,

Seems that I am a bit late in answering your last letter but this last month has been filled from the first till last day and that's including the nights, also. As you know I finished up my Internship at City Hospital Sept 30, 1944 and on Oct 1, 1944 I began my Assistant Residency in medicine at Coney Island Hospital, where I am now located. Those last few days at City ~~for~~ were filled with all sorts of chores that one runs into when finishing any prolonged job, and to complete matters nicely I had to go to the dentist daily. Believe me I can think of a lot of things, all more pleasant than sitting in a dentist chair, but when it comes to an everyday proposition it becomes even less pleasant.

Hi Ho from a woman's world!! Tis' Buster on the line. Steinberg just stepped out for an emergency and so I will take down

Bernie is on duty tonight but I'm not so in between emergencies etc we all rack

other. Just what do Ida's besides see Bernie? Well, I work at King's County Hospital, Brooklyn as a dietitian in the Baby Formula kitchen and to top it all off I like my work. Days fly by in this kitchen because we always very busy. And leads to recreation and romance with Bernie!! Yes, it is a wonderful thing and a good dose of real happiness. Our log has been composed of tennis, golf, movies, and a few other things.

Enough damage done for this little gal so I'll turn the pen over to Bernie.

Well, Harry, it seems I walked out for a moment and my effort was taken over by Buster (which name for Ethel). Hope you can read her writing. I'm never bothered with that difficulty since I always read between the lines in her letters any way.

Well, I guess she has about given you all the news & I'll end.

Let me hear from you soon,

as ever,

Ben.

Harold,

I saw Ben and his fiance Ethel Bloom, in New York. She is the "Buster" that wrote in this letter. Ben looked just fine and is happy as can be.

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Pfc. H. Lipson, 34702624
241st A.B.M. Sec. B.
B.A.A.F.
Blytheville, Ark.



Air Mail

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TO: PFC. H. LIPSON, 34702624
2111TH A.B.U.
SECTION B. - BAAF
BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

PFC. ESTAN J. BLOOM, 14130461
CO. L 395 INF REGT APO 449
C/O P.M. NEW YORK, N.Y.
15 NOV. 44
(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Henry,

Just received your letter of Sept. 29 and cl really appreciated it. Since I left the States a lot has happened and I think I really got here in a hurry don't you?

We spent about three weeks in England and then shipped to France. We bivouacked in Belgium & then came here.

We are now living in an evacuated German farm-house and leading the life of Riley. We have a fine set-up. It is snowing outside but it is warm and cozy inside. There are 15 of us in this house and we do our own cooking etc. Our home cooked meals are really putting weight on me. On top of that I am acquiring a naturally spread. We are facing the Germans but I can't tell you how far away they are. We are safe anyway.

Please write again soon Henry - Best regards

Stan

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REPLY BY V···—MAIL

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December 1, 1944.

Dear Harold,

Your letter arrived today with all the news and I was glad to hear from you with the details of your travels. You have been doing quite a bit of it and having a bit of excitement on the side. It must be something to see what goes on out there if you are lucky enough to come through it all.

Somehow I always hear from you and Lt. (j.g.) Sid Goldberg on the same day, and today your letters were in the same mail. He enclosed a picture of himself in his whites while you sent some Jap invasion money. Sid expects his ship, LST 284 to be back here for Xmas and then on to the Pacific. He had a week and a half shore duty to become an expert on Jap ships and planes (recognition) so you can see what the future holds for him. His last letter came from somewhere in N. Africa and he was loading up for the trip home then. I hope that he & I will be able to get together in Memphis so I can listen to the tales.

I really wanted to get back to Bama for Homecoming, but I could not get away then. As you know, Bama beat Miss State, winner of 7 straight, and they are

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to play Duke in the Sugar Bowl. Tennessee plays California in the Rose Bowl after we tied them 0-0. Tomorrow is the big game with Army playing Navy. Jenkins is out of the game with an infected foot so that gives Army the big edge. Both Don Whitmire and Bob Jenkins made the U.P. all-American and they will make the others. Whitmire is the tackle of the year.

Cold weather has come to Arkansas the past few days. Last night it got down to 15° and ice is everywhere. The hills had snow in a few places. But not here yet.

You were right when you wrote that Bob & Renel would be parents in a few days. Their son, Richard Eliot, was born Nov. 18th in Omaha, Renel's home. They wrote me at once and they certainly are proud. The army released all Dental Students from the service so Bob is a civilian now. Herb Sleeper, Naval Dental student still is in the service and he is still getting his way paid. Besides that he is having the time of his life.

From Bama I hear that Sue Felt is engaged to Lt. Bernie Stevens. Don Frost is about to become a papa in the near future. That's all I've heard there.

Yesterday I had a letter from Stan Bloom from Germany. He was in England three weeks, invaded in Belgium, and then on the front. He hadn't gone into action yet.

Other news about the boys is this: Lt. Tommy Miller was seriously wounded in action in Germany. The S.A.M. from Pulaski, Tenn. (I can't think of his name) is missing in action as is Irv. Finkelstein. Jacque Orenstein is in the Pacific area now at the Galapagos Islands. "Doc" Steinberg is engaged to a swell girl. "Baster" Bloom from Georgia. They went together as kids. I think that takes in all the news. Oh yes. Richard Jacobson is now a Major, holder of the DFC. and in France.

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The next time I get a Servicemans Bulletin from Bikem. I will mail it to you. You would know most of the boys.

I had a big laugh at your mention of Money and Banking. I did not know that you still remembered that course. It was some course, to say the least. I just wish that we were back there in school again. Those were the good old days, and we will never see them like that again. I often wonder what Al Goldberg is doing now, but he will get along. The last I heard "Spike" Lucbanno was at Ft. Meade, Md. where he contacted Jerry Weinberg in Baltimore. He also called up Jacques' wife in St. Louis.

Well, Harold, the tropical islands seem to agree with you, but I'll guess you'll take Tuscaloosa any time. Don't teach that native boy too many bad habits.

"Neck-ti-ga-Stug. Think it'll rain.

Adios amigo. Good luck.

As ever,

Harry

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To
Sgt Harold L. Bank 20410637
Co. K 167th Inf.
APO 31-B
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From
T/Sgt J.L.Potter 34198371
(Sender's name)
Hq. Det. 456th Bomb Gp.
(Sender's address)
APO 520 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y. 5/20/44
(Date)

Dear Lockwood:

I knew that when I next heard from you, that you would be somewhere outside the U.S.A., but I never figured it would be down there. My cousin went to Australia about the same time you left the states. I imagine the trip was long and tiresome. I got here by plane and so I missed all that water.

Sure was glad you heard from Bert. I guess it is a great relief to know he is O.K. I wish it would all end so that people could go back home and the greatest danger they would have would be crossing the street.

I read in the Stars and Stripes that Leroy Monsky is a Captain and he is located somewhere in Italy. They had an article about his outfit doing something spectacular. They also mentioned that he was a former All American at the U. Of A. What was it, the Fall of '38?

The boys in our outfit got very energetic about two months ago and we built a club. I was elected president and so I had all the headaches. Well we have it complete with a marble and tile bar and it is by far the prettiest club in all Italy. Our Colonel has given us all the support in the world and he has been swell. While it was being built he was down there at least three times every day. He has brought down all his friends to see it. In the last three days we have had five full Colonels down to admire the place. They all are very nice about it and compliment us highly on our work. The place is all made of stone and we have a huge main room with a card room and a game room off them, and then we have a real bathroom complete with urinal and also we have a couple store rooms and an office. I guess it is about as nice as a lot of these officers clubs in the states. The only thing that bothers me is leaving the place to the dagos when we leave.

Have you heard about Arnold 's daughter. They say she has some sort of rare blood disease and isn't expected to live. I haven't heard much about it, but that is what I know about it. I hope the report is incorrect.

I haven't heard from anyone we know for a long time. The last letter was to Orenstein's in-laws and as yet I have received no answer. I guess he is still down there in Central America. I wonder if he'll stay there after the war, or come back and make some excuses for the money he owes. He could be a millionaire, if he had saved the money he borrowed.

Well let me hear from you soon. Also let me know how long it takes to get this letter. Yours took about a month to get here.

Give my regards to your family when you write.

Your buddy,
J. Leslie

V-MAIL

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San Francisco, California

From
T/Sgt J.L.Potter 34198371
(Sender's name)
Hq. Det. 456th Bomb Gp.
(Sender's address)
APO 520 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y. 5/20/44
(Date)

Dear Lockwood:

I knew that when I next heard from you, that you would be somewhere outside the U.S.A., but I never figured it would be down there. My cousin went to Australia about the same time you left the states. I imagine the trip was long and tiresome. I got here by plane and so I missed all that water.

Sure was glad you heard from Bert. I guess it is a great relief to know he is O.K. I wish it would all end so that people could go back home and the greatest danger they would have would be crossing the street.

I read in the Stars and Stripes that Leroy Monsky is a Captain and he is located somewhere in Italy. They had an article about his outfit doing something spectacular. They also mentioned that he was a former All American at the U. Of A. What was it, the Fall of '38?

The boys in our outfit got very energetic about two months ago and we built a club. I was elected president and so I had all the headaches. Well we have it complete with a marble and tile bar and it is by far the prettiest club in all Italy. Our Colonel has given us all the support in the world and he has been swell. While it was being built he was down there at least three times every day. He has brought down all his friends to see it. In the last three days we have had five full Colonels down to admire the place. They all are very nice about it and compliment us highly on our work. The place is all made of stone and we have a huge main room with a card room and a game room off them, and then we have a real bathroom complete with urinal and also we have a couple store rooms and an office. I guess it is about as nice as a lot of these officers clubs in the states. The only thing that bothers me is leaving the place to the dagos when we leave.

Have you heard about Arnold 's daughter. They say she has some sort of rare blood disease and isn't expected to live. I haven't heard much about it, but that is what I know about it. I hope the report is incorrect.

I haven't heard from anyone we know for a long time. The last letter was to Orenstein's in-laws and as yet I have received no answer. I guess he is still down there in Central America. I wonder if he'll stay there after the war, or come back and make some excuses for the money he owes. He could be a millionaire, if he had saved the money he borrowed.

Well let me hear from you soon. Also let me know how long it takes to get this letter. Yours took about a month to get here.

Give my regards to your family when you write.

Your buddy,
J. Leslie

V-MAIL

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No.

H. W. Engelbert
1ST LT., A.C.
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
SGT HAROLD L. BANK 20416337
CO M 167TH INF.
APO 31 C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANSICO, CALIFORNIA

From
T/SGT J.L. [illegible]TER 34198371
(Sender's name)
HQ. DET. 456TH BOMB GROUP
(Sender's address)
APO 520 C/O POSTMASTER
NEW YORK, N.Y. 8/31/44
(Date)

DEAR LOCKWOOD:

GOT YOUR LETTER OF THE 8TH OF AUGUST YESTERDAY, WHICH MAKES IT PRETTY FAST CONSIDERING THE DISTANCE THAT IT HAD TO COME. MIGHTY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. ALTHOUGH THERE IS TOO BIG A WAIT BETWEENX LETTERS. I WILL THEREFORE WRITE ANOTHER ONE IN ABOUT A WEEK AND SO WE CAN HAVE TWO LETTERS GOING AND THE LAPSE BETWEEN LETTERS WILL BE SHORTER.

THE BET ON THE SERIES STILL GOES AND IT LOOKS LIKE I AM A WINNER AS THE BROWNIES AND THE CARDS ARE IT. I GUESS BY THE TIME YOU CAN LEARN OF THE OUTCOME YOU WILL BE READY TO MAIL ME THE SAWBUCK. OR BETTER STILL MAKE THAT BET PAYABLE AFTER THE WAR, AND WE WILL CALL IT A STEAK DINNER INSTEAD OF THE CASH. I GOTTA BE SURE OF AT LEAST ONE MEAL WHEN I GO ON RELIEF.

YOU GOT ME WRONG ON THIS WORK I DO. I HAPPEN TO BE IN THE WORDS OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE " COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF OF A LIBERATOR BOMBER GROUP AT AN ADVANCED AIRBASE IN ITALY", AT LEAST THAT S THE WAY THEY HAD IT IN A RELEASE TO THE NEWSPAPERS OF TUSCALOOSA, AND BY THE WAY THET IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. SO WE BOTH ARE COMMUNICATIONS MEN.

YOUR MENTIONING SYLVIA SLOTIN, CALLED HER TO MIND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN MARRIED AND IT DOES MAKE ME FEEL THAT I AM DAMN LUCKY I SHOOK HER WHEN I DID. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE MY WIFE AND I AM MORE SATISFIED WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT I MARRIED HER THAN I EVER WOULD HAVE BEEN SINGLE OR MARRIED TO ANYONE ELSE. YOU DON'T KNOW NORMA VERY WELL, BUT I AM SURE YOU WILL BE CRAZY ABOUT HER WHEN YOU MEET HERX AND REALLY GET TO KNOW HER.

AFTER THE WAR I WANT YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME AT THE HOTEL IN THE SUMMER. YOU KNEW THEY HAVE A NOTEL DIDN'T YOU? I MEAN MY WIFE'S FAMILY. IT IS COMPLETE WITH SWIMMING POOL AND TENNIS COURT ETC.

THIS THEATER LOOKS LIKE IT WILL WIND UP SOON, AND THAT MAKES THE FUTURE LOOK A LOT ROSIER. PERHAPS WE WILL MAKE IT TO THE OTHERPLACE (WHERE YOU ARE) OR ELSE WE MAY MAKE IT FOR HOME. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE ARE SWEATING OUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF GOING HOME. NOT THAT I AM SORRY I CAME OVERSEAS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH NORMA AND THE FAMILY. MOTHER WAS UP TO VISIT HER LASY MONTH.

DOING QUITE FAVORABLE WITH THE PASTEBOARDS AND DICE. I HAVE WON A FEW HUNDRED IN THE LAST MONTH OR SO, BUT I SENT THE BEST PART OF IT HOME.

REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO SAY WE WOULD GO INTO BUSINESS TOGETHER? WELL IT CAN STILL BE THAT WAY, BUT YOU MIGHT COME IN WITH ME ON THIS HOTEL STUFF/ THEY HAVE BIG PLANS FOR EXPANSION. BUT IT IS STILL IN THE TENTATIVE STAGE, AND IT MUST BE THOUGHT OVER, BUT IT IS A GOOD IDEA. KEEP IT IN MIND AND KEEP IT TO YOURSELF. DOESN'T HURT TO HAVE A COUPLE IRONS IN THE FIRS YOU KNOW. ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING BACK TO SCHOOL FOR A YEAR TO GET YOUR MASTERS?

HOPE THE NEWS ABOUT BERT IS GOOD AND SOON. WON'T HE HAVE STORIES TO TELL. WHAT A RELIEF IT WILL BE WHEN HE GETS BACK. I HAVE BEEN SWEATING HIM OUT ALMOST AS MUCH AS YOU ALL HAVE. GIVE THE FAMILY MY BEST REGARDS AND KEEP WRITING. YOUR PAL,

V-MAIL

La Guy

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HQ. DET. 456TH BOMB GROUP
APO 520 C/O POSTMASTER
NEW YORK, N.Y. 9/6/44
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAR LOCK:

THIS IS THE LETTERX I SAID I WOULD WRITE AFTER ABOUT A WEEK SO THAT WE COULD HAVE TWO LETTERS IN THE MAIL INSTEAD OF ONE.

SINCE I LAST WROTE IT SEEMS THAT THE BROWNIES ARE SORT OF [illegible] DIVING AND THEY HAD BETTER GET GOING OR THEY MAY BE BEAT OUT. DETROIT SEEMS TO BE THE SURRISING TEAM THIS SEASON. THERE THEY ARE JUST ONE [illegible] OUT OF FIRST AND WHO KNOWS WHAT CAN HAPPEN.

PERHAPS BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS LETTER, THE WAR HERE WILL BE ~~XXXX~~ PRETTY DAMN CLOSE TO BEING OVER AND I CAN'T THINK OF A PERSON THAT WOULD MAKE MAD, UNLESS OF COURSE YOU COUNT HITLER.

NORMA WROTE AND TOLD ME TO SEND YOU HER REGARDS THE NEXT TIME I WROTE TO YOU. I HAD MENTIONED THE FACT TO HER THAT I HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU.

NEWS FROM HOME IS RATHER THE SAME. NOTHING HAPPENS THERE AND THERE S EVEN NOTH NG TO GOSSIP ABOUT, WHICH IS NOT TUSCALOOSA, LIKE I KNOW THE PLACE.

HAVE BEEN PLAYING A LITTLE CARDS, A LITTLE DICE, A LITTLE CHECKERS AND A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT I AM VERY DEFINITLY STAYING TRUE TO MY WIFE..NO FOOLING. BY THE WAY WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN THERE ON YOUR ISLAND? OR IS IT BETTER TO KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THEM. THEY CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THOUGH THAN OUR OLD FRIENDS MABLE AND LUCILLE. THERE WAS CLASS.

WELL I'LL NOW WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT LETTER TO ME BEFORE I WRITE AGAIN.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

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CO M 167 INF APO # 31

Camp Pickett, Virginia

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[Sender's name]

HQ. DET. 456th BOMB GROUP

[Sender's address]

APO # 520 c/o POSTMASTR

NEW YORK. N.Y

[Date]

DEAR LOCKWOOD:

JUST GOT YOUR LETTER AND I AM ANSWERING THE VERY SAME DAY, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD ANSWERING IN ANY LEAGUE. IT SURE IS GOOD HEARING FROM SOMEONE BACK HOME(EVEN IF YOU AREN'T HOME). IT SORT OF REMINDS YOU THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE ARMY ALL YOUR LIFE.

IT IS INTERESTING TO HEAR THAT AL IS A M/SGT. I MEAN TO ANYONE WHO KNEW HIM PRIOR TO THE TIME HE WAS DRAFTED. BUT AS I ALWAYS SAY, TAKE ALL THEY'LL GIVE YOU AND KEEP TRYING. AS FOR WILBUR, HE TOOK ADVANCED R.O.T.C. DID HE NOT? BOY THAT IS WHERE YOU AND I MISSED THE BOAT. BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT I MIND TOO MUCH. THE LIFE WE LEAD MAY NOT BE THE BEST, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS THAT SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT SOME DAY WE WILL AGAIN WORK UNDER THE OLD "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL" ROUTINE.

I CAN REALIZE JUST HOW YOU MUST FEEL ABOUT BERT. IT IS TOUGH ENOUGH HAVING HIM A PRISONER, BUT A JAP PRISONER MAKES IT TOUGH. POSSIBLY THE FACT THAT HE IS AN OFFICER MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE BEARING ON HOW HE WILL BE TREATED.

I HAVE MET QUITE A FEW FELLOWS OVER HERE FROM BACK IN THE STATES, WHO I KNEW BEFORE THE WAR. THERE IS A RADIO OPERATOR, WHO COMES FROM BIRMINGHAM WHO THINKS YOU ARE A GUY WHO OWES HIM MONEY, BUT I DON'T RECALL HIS NAME..I ASSURED HIM THAT HE WAS MISTAKEN CAUSE YOU ALWAYS HAD PLENTY OF HARD CASH.

YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT I HAVE ADDED ANOTHER LOOP TO MY ARM. IT IS SURE A BIG HELP CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT I AM A MARRIED MAN WITH A WIFE WHO MUST BE KEPT UP IN THE STYLE TO WHICH SHE IS ACCUSTOMED. DID YOU EVER MEET HER? I WAS TRYING TO THINK THAT OUT TODAY. YOU PROBABLY DO KNOW HER. IF NOT I'LL INVITE YOU OVER FOR TEA WHEN WE BUILD OUR HOME.

IF YOU COME ACROSS REAL SOON LET ME ADVICE YOU TO BRING MATCHES, TOILET PAPER , AND ANY OTHER ITEM FOR PERSONAL COMFORT THAT YOU MAY WANT CAUSE YOU SURE AS HELL WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT OVER HERE.

LET ME HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN AND SOON. WHEN YOU WRITE HOME YOU HAD BETTER REMEMBER TO GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE FAMILY.

YOUR BUDDY,

LES

V-MAIL

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To SGT HAROLD L. BANK
20416637
CO. M 167th INF.
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

From [redacted]
NEW YORK, N.Y. - 7/14/44
(Date)

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% PM San Francisco

From: J. Hammerstein
100 W. 46 St
NY 18 NY

(SERVICE'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 8

(Sender's complete address above)

June 16

Dear Harold: So Uncle Sam has you overseas at last! Sooner or later he gets all his soldier boys to see the world. Not that New Guinea has so much to show. Here's a chap may be near you Sgt C. A. Mintz 11th Spec Serv. Co APO 713 Unit 1. or LT. Howard Levie Hq Base B APO 503. Lt Jack Orenstein is Air Base Hq APO 832 % PM New Orleans. Good luck. Fraternally

Jimmy

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To Sgt. HAROLD L. DUNN, 20411-6037
Co. M. 167th INF. APO 31-B
% PM. SAN FRANCISCO
CALIF.

From LEE METZGER
(Sender's name)
822 GARY ST
(Sender's address)
JACKSONVILLE
FLA
5/23
(Date)

Hey Dear Harold -
Well got me an Englishman!! Have had, guess
this policy much time remains quite ... yet
well.. I never got any!!
Have really flick a time pretty often
two per month. Fine.
Are on Mediterranean. Bet my next letter
will not written right on Rock.
Getting my Fourth Stripe again!!! Am
promoted to Technical Sergeant. Have a
promise me for Private -- but I earned the
Rank of Sgt. Like what he calls Jimmy!! Same
grade & same money. Only difference
with anyone appointed.
I had a terrible motion Day. Had last
I suppose and put last 2 wks flying
but always seem, all the excitement
gets one back in Army with Nothing in
Way Action!
Sure do Get Bored now, I think I'll go
AWOL.
Take good care & Family. Very best
wishes always -
Write when you can -
Yours
Lee

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Calif.

From
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(Sender's name)
822 Jay St
(Sender's address)
Jacksonville
Ala
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Hope this finds all well with you.

My best wishes always. Take good care of yourself.

Hurry home so I can feed you.

Metzger

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

Friday

Dear Harold-

No telling where you are by this time-wherever it is, hope everything is all right; yes, I get disgusted, too, every time I think of that Washington trip - don't we do dumb things?

Have been sick - just a bad cold, but enough to keep me sneezing and coughing for a week and half. It has turned to blessed cold here - and just when I was all set for spring. That Sunday I was in Wash. was beautiful - never saw so much sun in February 'cept it Hattiesburg. Harold, my cousin asked me to ask you Stanley Hart's address - if his near Wash. he wants to get in touch with him.

Am still gambling - played blackjack last nite - haven't gotten into a real honest-to-goodness bridge game in a month -

I had lots of fun playing on the train on my trip - never too much fun unless it's for money - I think.

Had a guest last week-end - my cousin's girl friend - I came. I was ill a two weeks was awful - rain, cold. but we had fun - it is really hard for me to have visitors at my sisters - two babies - so damned much commotion and the maid consists of a 14 year old colored girl - it was always so simple at home that it never dawns on me that things are not done quite as easily up here. Can't wait for this summer - home for two days - I may stay - my brother-in-law will probably be inducted in May and we don't know what's what yet.

Harold, send me a picture if you - And write —

Marcelle

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To
SGT. HAROLD BANKS
Co M 167th Inf
APO 31-3
C/o P.M
San FRANCISCO, CALIF

From
M. Debice
(Sender's name)
1251 Winslow
(Sender's address)
Dayton, Ohio
Date 5-1-44

Monday

Hello there!

So you finally made it! am glad you arrived safe and sound and that things are getting much under control now you can start getting nice even sun tan - sitting like a good tropical sun tan these days. yesterday we had our first warm day so I also tried to get a tan and surprisingly enough I am very red today - who would have that you could get that much in April. I may not be what you are, but my schedule reads like some - bridge & blackjack - everybody has gone mad on this subject - we play like [redacted] - I lost $6.50 one nite and won it the next - that's the most interesting of my financial part - pretty even games were ca. ...ent. Did hear Lily Pone Mon nite & it was wonderful concert - she is really lovely.

am trying to think if some news from home. but my mind doesn't seem to be penetrating so well this morn. did you know Lois Florence Schuldice got married? a girl from here named a boy who is C.P. husbands best friend & they were all at Ft. Meade together she brought home pictures & stuff - small world - I always say - I'd rate instead of typing - very obvious, to dentist - I know it's torture. but I am constantly having to take my pages in & out my machine & that person wants you on into the nite. Should if there is anything you want. let me know & I'll try & get it for you - Hope things won't be too bad, but you could probably make the most of anything - write soon I shall type

With Love, Madeline

V-MAIL

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. "E" 17th I-T. APO 919
c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

From

[illegible]
Sender's name

1241 Windsor Dr.
Sender's address
Dayton, Ohio

4-10-44
Date

Dear,

Dear Harold,

Can't understand why you haven't heard from me 'cause I've written lots--even sent a picture of me--maybe by now all your mail has caught up with you. Was glad to get your letters and have them to re-read slowly over there. Are we having [illegible] this? I know what you mean--about getting those meals and the fourth one I usually rotten--always ruins a good game. Haven't been playing too much lately 'cause we Daddy has been sore and still is--he leaves tomorrow. Our house is been in a turmoil--nobody knows whether they are coming or going.

Was glad to hear, Harold, that you all had heard from your Stanley--was reading an article the other day about Corregidor and thought of him. Maybe they will let them come home soon. You two are not too far away from each other now--[illegible] that go a funny. I heard from Chester Bartlett the other day--he is in Sicily, you know--anyway, he said they had a track meet there and he was fairly good in college, he thought he would enter, and he won 2nd place in one and first in the other--said he was written up in Stars and Stripes and also in a Sicily [illegible] paper--then she thought about taking him to some other base in Africa for a field meet over there--who soul have ever thought our boys would be at track meets in Sicily and Africa. Guess Chester has been pretty lucky over there--so far so good--he is Louise's brother and the best [illegible] player you ever saw. My other cousin's name is Sam Leonard Baker--the one who wanted to know where Stanley Bert was. When I talked to you in Bank. I wanted to tell you about this girl and her husband as were in Jamestown and was going to tell you to write your sister, if she were home, and tell her about this couple--of course, I forgot, and never did even think about writing--anyway, the girl is back now--she never did know I could down there--but I guess I never do anything much right--things go a little too fast for me--I just don't keep up with you in, place and things any more.

Harold, if you want anything--I think I told you before, let me know, and I will try and get it for you--cantay it a good thing--you probably never get there down there--let me know. I've sent Chester things and he has received everything I've sent--even a map in an envelope--said they didn't have a card map, and needed one like and beings they were doing such extensive travelling those days. I'm hoping I don't get called for dist-tion before I finish this letter--I usually do, and the letter just goes on and on. Went to night Club for my Boss yesterday and I just love it--so much excitement that I'm always sighing I were working out there. It is so quiet in here with just the two of us--but am so blessed lazy that I honestly don't think I could bear to get up a party or go to one, and I do get to more afternoons off, and that will come in handy for summer--swimming and all. Did I tell you I played golf one afternoon--rotten game, but felt wonderful to be out again. I love that game and it breaks my heart 'cause I'm so blessed rotten and just can't ever seem to improve. Golf balls are almost impossible to get, but this boy who is going into the Navy promised to give me his, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed--he will probably breeze out of here before I get the darned things. Guess I'm going to "Blossom Time"--should be good. Haven't seen many shows--no good ones--saw "Tarnish"--Fair, "Nine Girls"--also fair. Do you get any shows over there? Am glad you are sending some pictures--would like to see what you look like these days. Do you know it has been almost a year since I've seen you last--doesn't seem possible, does it?

Write soon!

Love, Mabelle

V-MAIL

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Was glad to hear, Harold, that you all had heard from your Stanley--was reading an article the other day about Corregidor and thought of him. Maybe they will let them come home soon. You two are not too far away from each other now--[illegible] that go a funny. I heard from Chester Bartlett the other day--he is in Sicily, you know--anyway, he said they had a track meet there and he was fairly good in college, he thought he would enter, and he won 2nd place in one and first in the other--said he was written up in Stars and Stripes and also in a Sicily [illegible] paper--then she thought about taking him to some other base in Africa for a field meet over there--who soul have ever thought our boys would be at track meets in Sicily and Africa. Guess Chester has been pretty lucky over there--so far so good--he is Louise's brother and the best [illegible] player you ever saw. My other cousin's name is Sam Leonard Baker--the one who wanted to know where Stanley Bert was. When I talked to you in Bank. I wanted to tell you about this girl and her husband as were in Jamestown and was going to tell you to write your sister, if she were home, and tell her about this couple--of course, I forgot, and never did even think about writing--anyway, the girl is back now--she never did know I could down there--but I guess I never do anything much right--things go a little too fast for me--I just don't keep up with you in, place and things any more.

Harold, if you want anything--I think I told you before, let me know, and I will try and get it for you--cantay it a good thing--you probably never get there down there--let me know. I've sent Chester things and he has received everything I've sent--even a map in an envelope--said they didn't have a card map, and needed one like and beings they were doing such extensive travelling those days. I'm hoping I don't get called for dist-tion before I finish this letter--I usually do, and the letter just goes on and on. Went to night Club for my Boss yesterday and I just love it--so much excitement that I'm always sighing I were working out there. It is so quiet in here with just the two of us--but am so blessed lazy that I honestly don't think I could bear to get up a party or go to one, and I do get to more afternoons off, and that will come in handy for summer--swimming and all. Did I tell you I played golf one afternoon--rotten game, but felt wonderful to be out again. I love that game and it breaks my heart 'cause I'm so blessed rotten and just can't ever seem to improve. Golf balls are almost impossible to get, but this boy who is going into the Navy promised to give me his, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed--he will probably breeze out of here before I get the darned things. Guess I'm going to "Blossom Time"--should be good. Haven't seen many shows--no good ones--saw "Tarnish"--Fair, "Nine Girls"--also fair. Do you get any shows over there? Am glad you are sending some pictures--would like to see what you look like these days. Do you know it has been almost a year since I've seen you last--doesn't seem possible, does it?

Write soon!

Love, Mabelle

V-MAIL

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To

Sgt. Harold Banks
20416637
Co M 167th Inf. APO 31
c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Martelle Balicer
(Sender's name)

1251 Windsor
(Sender's address)
Dayton, Ohio

June 5, 1944
(Date)

Monday

Dear Harold,

Can't understand why you haven't received more than one letter. I sent you an ordinary letter--no V-Mail once with a picture in it--haven't you received that yet? All the mail is so messed up that sometimes I'm amazed when I do get letter.

You really sound as if you have been working hard--guess it is best that way--I know when I haven't anything to do I'd rather work hard so I can just go on home and go to bed. However, that never comes to pass very much--my work here is so simple and not too much to do--and usually if I don't have anything definite on that nite, I manage to get some kind of card game--sometimes unexciting. I envy your going in swimming. Yesterday was a wonderful day here for swimming, but no one was interested and the crowds are so terrific on Sunday that I just gave it up as a bad job.

Why are you losing so much work--always thought when you worked hard, slept lots and ate pretty good, you gained--or isn't the food very good --also is that a silly question? About a picture--I have one but it isn't very good--I don't take good large pictures--my best ones are just snap shots--I ~~xxxxx~~ intend to take some sometime when--I've had and still have fever blisters on my mouth from taking a sun bath ~~xxx xhxl~~ Hey and getting red as a beet--I really look a honey--I have been eating in obscure restaurants and lurking around alleys in town so people won't see me I look so awful--they are much better now and I actually think I will live. If I can't get an appointment and stuff to have me made, I shall just send you the one that I have--that was quite a lot of conversation for such a little item. And you don't want anything else?

Did I tell you that I was going home on the 15th of July and am so thrilled and excited I can hardly wait--I am meeting Louise in Memphis the morning of the 16th and we shall ride home together. It will be over a year and I've never stayed away that long--hope time goes so fast that it won't seem like a month and half yet to go. I shall be swimming every day, maybe play golf. I want to take golf lessons, but everything is so far out here and so hard to get to that I've just given everything up as a bad job. I played golf once and am so terrible that I need lessons and more lessons--have already taken about 13, but am a bit off these days--none of my balls are hit solidly--they just don't have that little click and I don't know what I'm doing--of course, lack of playing for about two years would probably have a little effect--and I never was too good anyway--but I love it. Went to a dance last nite--no fun--it was too hot and anyway, I'm tired of hostessing for the season--that is my last bit, next year--I think everybody and girls -feel the same way about the matter. Haven't seen any decent shows lately--saw "White Cargo" at one of the neighborhood shows the other nite and it was awful--I thought about all you boys being in allthat jungle climate and felt for you--hope it doesn't get too hot for you. Write soon again.

Love,
Martelle

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To

From
M. Ballcer
Sender's name
1251 Windsor
Sender's address
Dayton, Ohio

June 17, 1944
Date

Pvt.

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] this time you have heard from me--I tried to write sooner this week, but I [illegible] pretty busy and if I don't get to type my letters I never write them--guess when [illegible] working I'll have to manipulate a typewriter from somewhere because I'll [illegible] write a letter--maybe won't even know how since I haven't done it in so [illegible] I've been home here and then working a lot--too much. Anyway, I have those [illegible] at home to look forward to--just loafing, swimming, playing bridge, [illegible] that it isn't too hot. I remember I used to play about one or two o'clock [illegible] afternoon--guess when you are used to it, you never think about it being too hot or [illegible] like--but haven't played in so long. Did play one time here. I went to take some [illegible] because I'm way off--it is so darned hard getting to places that sometimes you just [illegible] trying. Have been swimming and am really black now. Went to this home in the country [illegible] evening and they had a little pool filled with spring water and I went in--almost [illegible] cold, but it was fun.

[illegible], I sent you a map and hope it was what you wanted. Chester also asked for one [illegible] him the same kind--he said it came in handy. While you are losing all that [illegible] I guess I'm gaining more than ever in my life--weight 117, and I've never [illegible] 110--the awful part is that my clothes are becoming too tight--and what a [illegible] thing for that--no really cute things to buy--I'm taking lots of them home and will [illegible] them over--then they get around to anything here, the summer will be over.

Harold, you don't have to bother about sending me anything--I appreciate your wanting to, [illegible] chance to go to the trouble--after all, we can get anything we want here, and [illegible] not quite in the same fix. I am looking for a frame to put my picture in, and [illegible] get it off to you next week.

[illegible] last week and last [illegible]--I just hate that game--it isn't because I [illegible] that game to--am glad that I [illegible] didn't--for I lost [illegible] losing bridge--it were bridge--[illegible] I really enjoy every moment I play, but I get rooned [illegible] blackjack games because they are always needing an extra player--it just isn't [illegible] betting. Bridge games are hard to get up these days--all the good players have [illegible], there is a Gerald Fried in the 51st Div.--I don't know the address--he is [illegible]'s cousin--why don't you look him up. Yes, I remember Margaret Sokol--she talks [illegible].

[illegible] is really terrific these days--so much happening that you have to listen to [illegible] news--by the time the paper prints it, something else terrifying has already [illegible] one of these days real soon this mess will be over, and I can hardly wait--[illegible] what this world was before the war--seems as if it has been going on [illegible] it's been again

Harold, and I will do the same.

[illegible]

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To

Pvt. H. Banks
35516797
ASN 31
167th Inf. Co H
c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif

From

[illegible]
Sender's name

1251 Windsor
Sender's address

Dayton, Ohio

July 7, 1944
Date

Friday

Dear Harold,

Did you ever get that written letter--not V-Mail with a picture enclosed; then I sent you a big picture about two weeks ago, and I really hope you get it. Harold, I put it in a pretty frame, but changed it to the one that I sent you--I thought maybe it wouldn't get there, ~~xxx~~ or when you got in a hurry to leave or something, you might just want to take the picture and not the frame in case you don't have enough room, so after this is all over with, you can have the frame that really belongs to it--so much for that.

Only 3 more days and I shall be home--am having a little trouble with reservations, but shall know after lunch whether they are all right--also, tried to fly back, but have a 6-hour stop in Nashville at two ~~xx~~ o'clock in the morning, and I wouldn't be doing that. I am planning on spending about two days in Memphis coming back--shall stay with Rose Cotton Lee--Betty's sister--I love Memphis and couldn't bear passing the place up--also will make it my business to eat, dance or something at the Peabody--that's my first love.

Do you realize this wonderful summer is passing so quickly--I just hold on to every minute of it 'cause I dread winter so terribly much. Have been swimming lots and am really good and black now--I at last have something that every girl envies--my brown legs. They are browner than any part and that is just what I wanted so I could quit wearing stockings 'till the first frost. Have been playing lots of badminton (I don't know how to spell the darned thing) and it is so much fun--I just can't serve so well--that is my only trouble. Ain't it awful--I love to play golf and all that stuff, but I can't excell in it--betting is about the only thing that I am fairly good in--but I shall keep trying. Have 't played in so darned long. Every ody goes on vacations and stuff--then it has been pretty hot and most of those kids live in apartments, so guess we will have to wait 'till winter--that is the only good thing about winter.

Have seen some good shows and some pretty terrible ones--Saw "Gaslight" "Two Girls and a Sailor" they were both good. Saw "Song of St. Mark" and "And the Angels Sing". Don't all have any shows there?

Harold, can you read this typing, or is too light when it is printed for you to read? Let me know--you see, this is a noiseless typewriter and the print is not very dark, or maybe it would be better to crosshatch every letter or I can work something out. I can read all of yours very plainly.

Write soon and take care of everything. Hope you start receiving some of my mail and the pictures.

Love,

Mattelle

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To

Sgt. Harold Bank, 20416637
Co. M 167th Inf. APO 31
c/o PM San Francisco, Calif.

From

M. Belisse
(Sender's name)
1251 Windsor
(Sender's address)
Dayton, Ohio

July 13, 1944
(Date)

Thursday

Dear Harold,

Was so very thrilled to get the gift you sent and am very very proud of it--have taken it everywhere I've been and everybody thinks the same as I do--that it is so unique and I'm a lucky girl to possess it. Thanks a million, Harold--you were very sweet to think about me.

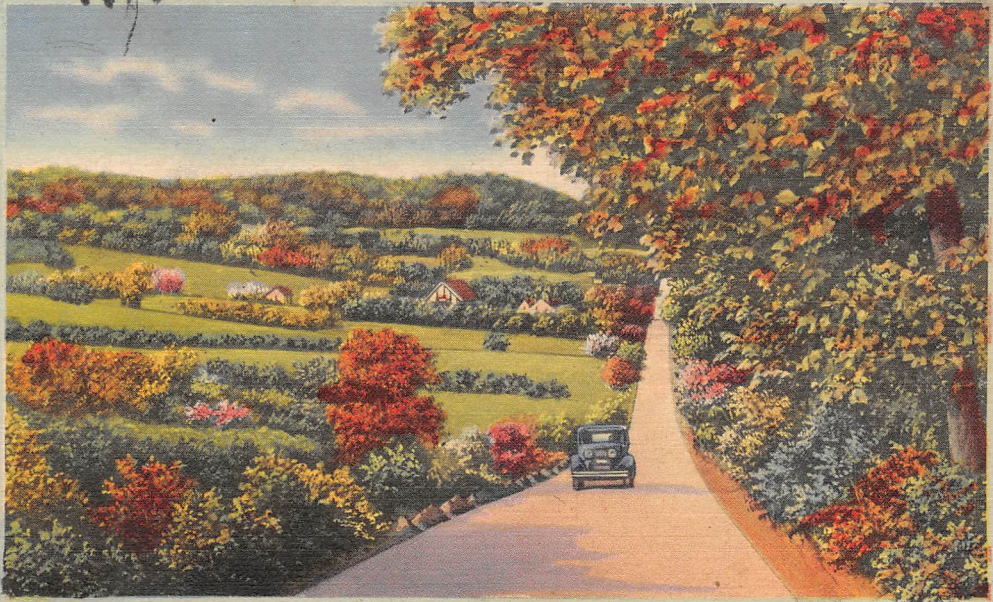
How are you these days--still losing weight and getting tan. I've been letting up on mine --went in swimming Sunday, but the sun went down just when I got in and it turned off terrifically cold--my luck. I played sick one day and went to a marvelous place and swam to my heart's content.

At the moment I'm so excited that I can hardly sleep any more--Sat. is the big day-I'm leaving for home at 4:30, and will leave out of Cincinnati at 7:30--will arrive in Memphis about 7:00 the next morning. Was very lucky--got a reservation on the train going down and have a plane reservation from Memphis to Dayton on July 31--that is, I'm lucky if they don't take any of them away from me--that will have to be seen. I'm crossing my fingers 'cause I've never been up and am dying to try it. Only takes about 5 hours--what a pleasure that will be. When I come back I think I shall quit my job--I am so bored in here- never having anything to do, and always watching the time I'll probably regret the move 'cause the salary is about the best you can find, and of course, it is right down town and all that, but what good is anything if you are not satisfied--I want lots and lots of work to do, and I want to be so busy all day that I won't have time to watch clocks and stuff. I shall see when I get back from my trip. I'm getting to spend two days in Memphis--did I tell you, so maybe shall sojourn to the Peabody during some of that time.

Finally played bridge, and it was really a terrific game--lost $2.65, but it was the best game I've played in a long time, and we really played for blood. That's the way I like to play bridge--no other game or gambling interests me very much. I'm always starting a gin game, but never even finishing them--I don't see why everybody raves about that game, unless I don't play for big enough stakes or something.

Went to the show last nite--"Xmas. Holiday"-not very good, I thought--I've seen more rotten pictures lately. Harold, did I ever tell you to look up Gerald Fried from Glen Allen, Miss. who is a cousin to Bette Gordon. He is in the 31st. I can't remember whether I told you or not. Have you received my picture of the map yet? You should have by this time received one of them--hope so.

Polly Bernstein and her Mother were thru here one day last week, but I went on a picnic and missed them. I would have loved to see Polly since I haven't seen her in years--my sister said she was very very thin, but still cute looking. Somebody is always passing through around here. Harold, I shall write you when I get home--boy, does that sound good "when I get home". Aunt Annie pre- missed me homemade ice cream in the freezer and fried chicken for Sun. dinner. Am I making a



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APO 31
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From

M. Balicer
(Sender's name)
1251 Windsor
(Sender's address)
Dayton, Ohio

Aug. 1, 1944
Date

Tues.

Dear Harold,

As afraid I did a good job of deserting everybody during these last two weeks--I didn't write anything 'cept Postal Cards--in fact I didn't do anything 'cept sleep, eat, and swim. and that swim-ing consisted mostly of sun baths--and now I'm so lazy I can hardly make myself go- especially to work yesterday morning---was so wonderful being that lazy for two weeks. As a result I am getting so fat 'till it is unbelievable--you know--they called me skinny" now all my clothes are so tite and I spend my life finding dressmakers and stuff to see what can be done. Received the pictures, Harold, and thanks a lot--they were very interesting and I enjoyed seeing them. Also received your last two letters and was glad to hear from you. The South is still the same--wonderful as ever--we had such fun just seeing everybody and messing around --lots of people drove over and spent the day with us--Aunt Annie made homemade ice cream and all sorts of good things to eat. Rosedale is very dry these days--no whiskey, no beer and no milk--unless you happened to have a friend who has a cow--really tough. Went to C'ville for a couple of hourse and it was strictly hot traveling. Left Sat. morning for Memphis and spent the week-end with Reva Gordon Lee --had lunch at the Peabody and went back again that nite for dancing--the roof was superb--George Olson was playing and Clyde McCoy happened to be in the audience--he is stationed at Millington. Anyway, they got him to play "Sugar Blues" and "Hot Lips"---the last time I was at the Peabody he was playing there. Saw a few people from home. The next day Reva's husband took me to the Airport about 3:30 and I got as far as Louisville, then got bumped--which made me very unhappy, but it wasn't too bad because there was a train leaving about the time I could get to the station, so ~~xxx~~ arrived in Dayton about one the next morning--took about seven hours; whereas. I would have been home in not quite an hour. My sister met me at the Airport 'cause they didn't get my wire--the Airport is a ~~xxxxx~~ pretty good distance from here--and they also met me at one o'clock, which I thought was darned white--I don't think I would hang around that long for anybody--even my relatives.

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Love, Mollie

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AIRPLANE DIVISION-COLUMBUS PLANT

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Aug. 15, 1944

Dear Harold,

Guess you haven't received my picture yet--hope it didn't get lost or something--also, did you ever receive that snapshot I sent you--long time ago.

So you have moved again--it is so hot here that I can't imagine it being any hotter--but then, you do get to go swimming, and as long as I can do that, I never mind the heat--haven't been in once since I was home--it is a good thing I went in every day down there--there has been an epidemic of infantile paralysis around and everybody is pretty much scared about pools--did play badminton 'tho, and Im still dying to take some golf lessons. When I was home and had a golf course staring me in the face every day, I only played a little, and now that I'm back and it is hard to play when you can I am just itching to. I need lessons so badly that it really isn't too interesting to play--I'm all off- just can't ~~xxxx~~ make a good drive. We did have a pro at home at one time who used to give me lessons, but he isn't there now--and the only reasons why he did give them was because he needed the money for whiskey and bear; but Rosedale is so dry now that he probably wouldn't be interested because just what could he do with his money.

Yes, I know the Lipsons from Marks--is your friend a relation of the Lipsons-haven't seen them in so many years 'til I can hardly remember what they all look like Seems as if when I get to Rosedale, I never stop by C'dale any more or places around that vicinity, and I forget who's who down there. My vacation seems so far away now--I'm ready for another one just any day.

So your family is vacationing in Florida--sounds wonderful. My Daddy just got back from Hot Springs.

Am getting a raise one of these days--at least Mr. Selman wrote in for it--will just be too rich--it is too bad that I'm downtown where I can knock myself out shopping--am a very weak woman and I don't seem to be able to resist things very well. Incidentaly, if you write a request I can send you some books or some kind of readable material. Haven't been reading very much lately--in fact, haven't been doing anything to better my intellectual side. Have only played bridge once--a wonderful game was on last nite, but something turned up. This girl who is the best player ever came in town--I had been dying to play with her--but she will be here for another week. She is the girl who was at Shelby with her husband--he was in the 85th, and was transferred out--working in Detroit.

Did I thank you for the pictures and the poems--thanks a million and I really enjoyed ~~them~~xx seeing them.

Love,

Mattie

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APO 31
167th Inf. Co. M.
San Francisco, Calif.

From M. Balicer
(Sender's name)
1251 Windsor
(Sender's address)
Dayton, Ohio

Oct. 8, 1944
(Date)

Sunday

Dear Harold,

Congratulations on your promotion--am curious to know where you finally landed--gosh, don't they ever get tired of shipping you around? Wherever it is, hope everything will be o.k.--you will probably never get my picture now--maybe one of thesedays I shall have another big picture taken and shall try again--seems as if you would have gotten a snapshot I sent.

Finally am feeling pretty good now--just hope I stay that way--it will probably turn cold tomorrow 'cause it feels that way now, and how I hate that. I have an invitation to spend the winter in Shreveport, La. and it really sounds marvelous 'cause I hate the cold so much. Changed jobs and hate to be leaving now 'cause I ~~xxxx~~ like working at the Field--the work is boring, but it is all very exciting--we are moving to Springfield about a month before the first of Nov.--have forgotten the address, but just write me to the old one and shall send the other later. Am over sumebody's house at the moment 'cause I can't type at work any more--at least not for awhile anyway--have to make a good impression at first.

So you, too, are playing bridge--I've started back last week and it is truly marvelous--won $3.50 one nite and $1 the other nite--also played blackjack and came out even--don't like that very much--the game I mean--or have I said that before? Almost forgot--did I tell you in my last letter that I sent you a box--hope you get that since you moved. You never have said what you wanted, so you will have to bear with my choice.

Am getting up so early these mornings that I want to go bo bed when it gets dark---sleep is about the most wonderful thing in the world, especially about six o'clock in the morning when I get up--guess I have a lot of nerve talking about that to anybody in the Army.

Saw a good picture show--"Wilson"--it is really wonderful--am going to see "Waterloo Bridge" tomorrow nite--it is an old show, but have been wanting to see it for ages, so tomorrow nite it shall be.

Hafold, good luck, wherever you landed--and write soon.

Love,
Martitch

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469 E. McCreight
Springfield, Ohio

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Sgt. H. Bank
20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf. APO 31
c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

Tuesday

Dear Harold,

Received two letters from you at one time--pretty good. Glad to hear that you are all right. And thanks for the money--things like th are really interesting. And am glad you received my picture--had rea given up hope on that score. Wish I had more time to w letters as I used to, but this place never gives out of worn should be doing some now; but wanted to write you first--just hope comes around.

Met a Capt. Praeter from Tuscaloosa who said he knew you and Bert well. Seems as if everybody knows you. Do you remember this Praeter. is in the same place I am in at the Field. I still like my job 'cause kept so busy all the time and the hours flay while I am at work. The drawback is that getting at six in the morning--I can't stay out any l 11:30 or 12:00 on week nite; and then I'm pretty tired. We are movin Springfield Thursday. Seems as if we have been moving for years; but actually going Thursday morning at eight o'clock. Hate to move very who knows, maybe it won't be so bad after all.

Saw "Lassie Come Home" last nite and what a tear jerker it was-- show 'tho. Also saw "Conspirators"--also good. Haven't been to a in so long on account of all my colds, but am feeling fine now so guess take up where I left off.

Have to go now and finish up some work-- hall do better in my next letter.

Love,

Marlette

M. Balicer
469 E. McCreight
Springfield, Ohio

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Sgt. H. L. Bank
20416637
Co. M 167th Inf.
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San Francisco, Calif.

Tuesday
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ar Harold,

How are you--you really sound as if you have been in the thick of it--
and I hope everything is all right now. Wish I could write to you more
often, but I barely get to do any writing at all with this job--and the
eason w[illegible] I don't write V-Mail is 'cause I would never get anything written--
[illegible]d immediately rush some work over here if they thought I didn't
--this way, it looks as if I'm doing some work. I do love my job
rather be very busy than just sitting around with nothing to do--
and it is time to go home before I know it; and it is very in-
round here on the flight line. Have seen the jet propulsions do
nce; and also the P-55--all that is wonderful to watch.

at last gotten settled in Springfield--have only spent about 4
e--I practically knock myself out going to Dayton, finding rides
n and all that sort of stuff. I miss Dayton like mad and I'll
ove back when I find the right place to stay--there xxx are too
gs that I miss. I will probably never play bridge again, and I
ce th[illegible]

It has turned so cold here that I dread the winter more and more
ach day--wish I could go home for Jan., Feb. and March --then come back
hen it is warm again. Wishful thinking. I do envy you swimming and being
o nice and warm all the time. I wish winter would never come and that
would stay warm all the time--would suit me fine.

H[illegible] seen any shows in ages---don't even know what is playing--don't
[illegible] my time goes, but it really flies.

Harold, this is a sad letter--guess when you don't write many letter,
can't write such good ones any more. Will do better next time. Write
n.

Love,
Marlene

Mr. Balicer
469 E. McCreight
Springfield, Ohio

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Sgt. Frank
20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf. APO 31
c/o PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Howard,

Just a word
to see my Xmas
card is reach you. Let
this greeting surprise
you. Received a letter from you
yesterday & it has risen
your feeling from your
heating Jim Jeans tavern
Jim & Ruth & I send
and Linda love to
Alma & yours
(inside)

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Christmas Greetings



MAY YOUR *Christmas* BE MERRY

AND YOUR NEW YEAR A BRIGHT

AND HAPPY ONE

Martelle

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To: Sgt. Harold Bank
20416637
Co M 167th Inf.
APO 31, c/o PM, San.Fran. Calif.

From
M. Balicer
1251 Windsor
Dayton, Ohio

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

(Sender's complete address above)

Thurs.

Dear Harold,

I'm really mad that you haven't gotten my picture yet--gosh, it has been so long--maybe I didn't pack it good enough--I put in the same kind of envelope I put that map in; and put it between a magazine--and you haven't received any snapshots at all--mail is strictly bad in that territory.

The story about the Jap sounded exciting--gosh, I think I would be scared to be guarding anything around there. But guess maybe what's left are too scared to do anything now.

So much has been happening around here that I hardly know whether I'm coming or going--first, we are moving to Springfield, Ohio in about seven weeks--that is definite--and I am giving up my job the first of Oct.--I still haven't told my Boss--I just hate to 'cause I have my raise and everything, but guess I have no choice, so maybe I will tell him Sat. or Monday. I have a job at Wright Field--it is on the way to Springfield and I will be able to get a ride to and from. Sorta hate to leave everything here, but have no choice in the matter. My Daddy was here for about a week and just left this morning. Louise is coming for a week-end; so of course, I'm busy getting her fixed up. And I went to WaWaSee Ind. for a week-end over Labor Day--it is a beautiful place, but I caught cold while in swimming and feel like h-- now--cough constantly, and can't get an appointment with a Dr.--so shall use my lunch hour today and see what's what--I'm afraid to have anything like that now with so much going on. So that is all the news for awhile--which is plenty to me.

Haven't even had time to go to shows, play bridge, do anything--but try to keep up with the events that just keep flowing in. Get letters from my cousin, Skeeter, in Italy and he is playing bridge up a storm--he has found some fairly good players and they are having a fine time. He bought a bicycle and said it was the best investment he ever made--I think he paid about $75 or $85 for a second-hand one--and people steal them so much that you have to carry it with you everwhere you go--into stores and home--that would wear me out.

I bought some new V-Mail and the paper is horrible--the other I had was much better than this--hope it prints up all right--it seems so thin.

Harold, write soon. Maybe when I get this new job they won't let me write letters; then I will die--I don't think I can even write any more I've been typing letters so long. Won't worry about that now 'tho--have a little time left.

Love, Mattelle

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REPLY BY V---MAIL

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To:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank - 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Inf.
APO 31, c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

From
M. Balicer
1251 Windsor
Dayton, Ohio

(Sender's complete address above)

Thursday

Dear Harold,

It seems as if I've been away from work for months--had such a terrible cough and cold that I finally had to go to bed--it is still hanging around, but I'm much better. Everything happens at once--moving, new job, company and of course, my cold. Louise was here and we had a great time, but it could have been better if I hadn't felt so rotten.

That was too bad about the promotion, Harold--that's the way it is sometimes 'tho--makes you mad, but there is nothing usually you can do about it.

I noticed on the envelope that contained the pictures, it came from Tuscaloosa--did you send the films home to be developed and have your family send them on to me. I get so mad when I think about your not ever receiving any of the pictures I sent you, especially, the big one--it is probably at the bottom of the ocean by now, but looks as if you would have gotten one of the snapshots. Disgusting.

I'm trying to get this letter finished before my Boss comes in--he took a walk to the WPB office for a few minutes--I only have a few more days left to catch up on all my correspondence before I leave here; and I may not be able to write letters in my new job--if I don't get to wxxxx type them, I'll probably never write another letter: in fact, I don't think I can even write after typing so much--not that my typing is anything to write home about.

Have been home in bed so much that I don't know very much to write about--haven't seen a show in ages, even been downtown--so I really don't know what all is happening in the city of Dayton. The weather here is so horrible that if I stay in it too long I'll probably have a case of sinus that I'll never recover from--this is even worse than the swamps of La. Guess this letter is just a good griping one, but that's the way I feel

Where did your sister work in Springfield--we are moving on the first if the men get through with the woodwork; and I'm starting to work at Wright Field Monday and how I dread getting up at 6:30 to be at work at 7:30--will let you know how I like it and everything--maybe I'll get a good boss and he will let me write letters to my heart's content.

Write soon.

Mattie

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20416627
APO 31
167th Inf. Co. M. San Francisco

From
M. Balicer
1251 Windsor
Dayton, Ohio

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

(Sender's complete address above)

Tuesday

Dear Harold,

Happy New Year to you. I received the pictures and the Dixie Doodle--thanks for sending them--always enjoy reading reading the paper and seeing pictures 'cept I could hardly find you on them. Guess my picture still hasn't arrived--I imagine since it hasn't by now it never will.

Harold, I met a friend of yours the other nite--Mx Joe Spiro(I guess that's how you spell the last name) He is stationed here, and of course, I immediately asked him if he knew you--he asked where you were and all about you.

Louise has been here this week-end and we have had fun--she is leaving this afternoon and I really hate to see her go. Called home Sun. nite, and of course I was all mixed up on the time and thought we would catch everybody at home, but no one was there but my Aunt and Uncle--was wonderful talking to them 'tho. Have felt so terrible for the past two weeks that I haven't felt like doing anything, talking to anybody or what have you. I can't get rid of this cold and cough I caught at WaWaSee, Ind.--I think I wrote you about my Labor Day trip over there--have been to two doctors, taken every kind of medicine imaginable--even castor oil--stayed in the sun--I don't know what the heck to do 'cause it is strictly driving me crazy.

I am changing jobs the end of the month and we will probably be moving to Springfield, Ohio in about six more weeks. I really hate to leave Dayton and all the conveniences, but will spending lots of week-ends here 'cept that is always so much trouble lugging a a bag everywhere.

Harold, did you ever know Herbert Miller from Brew, Miss--I think he went to Tulane--I heard he had gotten killed in action--that made me feel pretty bad--I haven't seen him in years, but he was in our Delta cro[illegible]--I think that's the first casualty in the crowd--as much as I have heard.

Harold, I'm sending you some stuff--hope you get it --I didn't know what to get 'cause you ever say, so hope it's all right

It has turned hot here again--guess that's why everybody is always so sick here--the weather is so changeable that you can hardly keep up with it.

This is an awful letter--but maybe next time when I feel better, my letter will be a bit improved. Write soon.

Love
Mariette

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Miss Varia Feinberg
903 South Broad Street
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Sgt. Harold L. Bain, 20416637
Co. 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B,
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(Sender's name)

(Sender's address)

(Date)

To

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No.

CENSOR'S STAMP)

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1

909 South Broad Street
Thomasville, Georgia

Tuesday

Dearest Harold:-

When your nice letter came I was so glad to receive it but surprised to learn your change of address. However my wishes, as always since our first letter, are the same sweet hope of seeing you return safely after this war is over! So keep your chin high!

Being home is allright but as for that "Live alone and like it" — I would say "Solitary Confinement!" Gosh I don't have any favoritism toward such existence. But, guess we humans don't get everything the way we want it huh!

Doing work after at the USO and it makes time interesting also with the Real Estate. But, so much rain has fallen in the past few weeks that I can't get around to much of repairing.

Am in a play sponsered by the Junior League and it is lots of fun. Wonder when we will have it?? Have you or any of your folks heard from that brother of yours? I would enjoy writing him some cheerful letters if I could be permitted but I guess it isn't allowed. How are your dear ones at home. Don't forget to write them often Harold dear, because this one means a great deal to them especially with Doris being so far off.

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My best wishes and best love, Marcia

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Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31 c/o PM
San Francisco,
California

Air Mail

491 Ward Street
Newton Centre 59
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Dearest Harold:

Today, I enjoyed your long letter so much and hope you will keep up the good work! "You certainly are" way out yonder" and I can understand how easy it must be to forget the names of days.

Say, what's the matter with those snap-shots you promised to send me that you had developed in Australia? I'm really looking forward to receiving them.

That bathing in the way you described must be wonderful. Gosh all hemlocks, man, "if those women only knew" ——— those miles apart wouldn't be any distance!!! It must be lots o' fun bobbing up and down on top of an air mattress just leaving it to the sea ——— said he!

I don't exactly know how to imagine in what way your brother enjoyed his birthday on September 1, but I do hope his next one will be a Very Happy "reunion in Alabama" — with the whole family present! Please keep me posted when you do get word, for I am with you always in an equal share for his safety — and also your own.

I'm planning on returning South in the very near future as the city has made some necessary improvements that have to be added on all property — so I'll have to get there to supervise.

What do you hear from home? How are all your dear ones? Been doing any reading?

I've been perusing through "Razor Edge" — it's quite stimulating in many ways — also "Flint" and "Winter Wheat".

That's a swell name Lockwood. I like it as it is quite individual.

Soooo — you have a mustache! gee, I bet you look grand — how about letting me see also? oh well, when television gets around — that's going to bring 'em on. — what say?

You bet I don't think anything as sweet as our wonderful Southland, Harold dear, but after all I am so alone when on South Broad street that I do love to visit with my darling family up here now and then, you understand.

No, I never received that last letter you wrote about. It must have gone to Thomasville and never forwarded! But write real often and I'll be very

happy hearing from you.

Going into the city to see "Mary at Sea" as a famous cousin o' mine is the leading lady — wish you were here and we could go see it — Do you like blondes ?? —— (but don't get "so" excited — she is married ?)

I am so proud about your being a Sergeant and just remember to stay as nice as you are ——, cause don't let a couple o' stripes more or less make any difference! Remember — we have never met —— but we evidently think very highly about each other if we have kept up our correspondence so regularly — how about it, honey?

I'll be sweet just as you tell me to —— and p.s. — take good care — write real soon —

Love

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From

(Sender's name)

(Sender's address)

(Date)

P. S.

~~To~~ Went to the Banner - Baby Crews last night but it was a drastic change from what used to be in the Big Tent! do you have a good stage performers — Mean as the big celebrities come way out where you are?

Was in Valdosta & several parties & had a pleasant week-end but wish you had been with us.

909 South Broad Street Thomasville, Ga.

Thursday, November 2, 1944

My dearest Hazel:

My wonderful letter received and I enjoyed it so very much. Was so happy to hear from you & that you were getting along so well. Hope you had a good time at the party & that you enjoyed the good supper. Sorry I missed it but I had to work that night. Hope you had a good time at the party & that you enjoyed the good supper. Sorry I missed it but I had to work that night.

Yes, I'm still working at the Laundry & do not know how much longer I will be there. Have been there for almost a year & do not like it at all. Have been looking for another job for some time but have not found one as yet. Have been looking for another job for some time but have not found one as yet. Have been looking for another job for some time but have not found one as yet.

Have been very busy over the week-end & am very tired tonight. Have been very busy over the week-end & am very tired tonight. Have been very busy over the week-end & am very tired tonight.

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Co. M. 167th Inf. A.P.O. 37
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Sgt. Harold Bank 20416637

Company M. 167th Infantry.

A. P. O. 31

c/o P. M.

San Francisco,

California

December Nineteenth forty-four
909 South Broad Street
Thomasville, Georgia

Dearest Harold:

I would like, right now, to be with you and chase those blues you write of away....and.... believe me.....you would be so darn happy everything would seem a world of smiles! Comeoon, now, and get this cheerful little dearful!!!

Since my letter makes you happy, Im' gonna write 'em quick as light'nin!!....but...sugar, be sure you answer jus'at soon!!

Your work sounds very interesting and wish I could see you on the job. You must really be very smart to have all those big responsibilities.

Do you like being back with you company again? It must be the same fellows with whom you have been with for a long time? I know this means a whole lot to you all.

Watch out for anything that 'smells' ENEMY...keep ducking when you see, hear, or sniff a devil!

Gee, you must be a swell guy to have all those boxes from the states....gosh....how do you do it! What would you like me to send to you....I want to be sure you will enjoy it, so , dear, please tell me.

The "Dixie Doodle" is just as original as it can be. The News is great reading it as it was published directly "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".....very very romantic, indeed....gosh! Why havent you sent me a little souvenir from yonder? I would love having something to remember the Isle by.....!

How is your Native boy? Have you left him among the Palms? Or, will you take him with you and bring him home sweet home? Remember, now, honey, I want his kid sister to keep house for me!.....Maybe you will have to move in my neighborhood, too!! Huh??????????????????????????

Those severe tropical storms sound terrific. I bet when you come and find yourself back in the states in a rain storm you will not even use an umbrella! What say!

No, darling, I must admit the truth....I am inclined to be very old fashioned in my liquor drinking....I rarely touch the stuff but am fascinated watching the other gal having a good time swallowing it with her boy friends.....and recently I stopped smoking entirely. I only puffed at it anyhow, as never knew how to inhale! What comment about this?

What about sending me a picture now that you are perhaps in more favorable surroundings for getting your likeness through the mail. I really would like, very much, to have you looking up from my dresser everyday....and I can say: "Good Morning, honey chile".....

Are you believing you are going to like me????????Now, jus' listen to that remark....I caint' make up me mind ef yo all is givin me a com'pliment.....or is I aint gettin' one! ?!!

Tell me, Harold, on the level...what gonna happen if you do find you really like your Marcia?????????????????????????? (It looks like a long question to answer, don' it?).....

Went to the USO this afternoon and they put me to work helping a number of new fellows get fixed up comfortabley from the Infantry group. They sure did look lost..... gee, I hate to see a far away look in a guy's eyes....i can understand what real loneliness means, Harold, for I, too, feel it, many times.

Wish you could get me a little hoola skirt but I guess you are far away from anything like this,huh?...Do the native women wear unusual coverings and are they colorful? And, what do the native men wear. Are they barefooted or do they have on a kind of sandal? Tell me about, them, for I am starved for a little knowledge of your far off land and sea.

How wonderful, Harold darling, when you come back to the states you will be so worldly. But please do not let this turn your head to heights so high that you wont remember your real home friends like me and so many of the plain crackers! Just keep this promise for me, honey, and I know you will get a rich reward. But somehow, I believe you are always the real you, no matter the change of wealth or travel or experience. Am I right?

This is a long letter and I have enjoyed writing it to the every word.

Wish you had been with me last night. The JWB gave a big Jewish Dinner for Hanukah. I served and was so surprised to receive a letter of Citation and a Gold USO pin for the little services I have rendered in Thomasville to the Soldiers and to some of their wives. I am always Happy to do this bit of joy.

Write to me very soon for I reming you again I am thrilled to read you grand and interesting lteers...I same each one.

Love,

Marcia

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

Margaret Goldberg

Box 269

Sylacauga, Alabama

SYLACAUGA, ALA.
JUL 7
9-AM.
1944

VIA AIR MAIL

Sgt. H. L. Banks 20416637
Co. "M" 167th. Inf.
APO 31 % Postmaster
San Franscio, California

July [illegible]

Dear Harold,

Hello stranger - think it is going to rain? How well I remember those words of the famous Harold Banks.

I enjoyed the paper you sent me ever so much - you are real sweet to think of me after I have owing you a letter for ever so long - I promise not to let it happen agin.

Sidney was in the invasion but thank goodness we have been having good news from him. He said the English gals are not as cute as we Southern gals. Chuck Klein is also in England and Natlie hasn't heard from him - she is expecting her baby some times this week - maybe she has already had it - I'll keep you posted. Estelle has already had her baby but I forget whether it was a ### boy or girl.

You remember little Paul Levy - the kid from Wisconsin? Well he is back in the states - he lost his right leg in Italy. Poor kid, they sent him over right at first.

Duck is a Pvt. in the U.S. Army stationed at Camp Sibert, Alabama - I saw him a couple of weeks back and the army seems to be agreeing with him - but I don't guess he will ever change.

Harry Lipson is still stationed at Newport, Ark. - I guess he is keeping the morale ## up on the # home front. That reminds me I owe him a letter and will ## write him tonite.

You probably know more gossip than I do - if that is true how about telling it to me - I love gossip but then who doesn't.

Bob Engle and Renee and expecting in March - also Willone is married to the most georgeous guy I have ever seen.

Excuse all of the error, spelling etc. but I guess a letter is a letter - I keep telling myself.

Evely Glazer is engaged to a Lt. Smith (MOT) now somewhere in England - they were suppose to be married in May but he was shipped - he was a doctor stationed at Northington ~~at~~ in Tuscaloosa, she is back in school - summer school.

I am expecting a quick answer on this letter - don't disappoint me.

Be sweet and maybe we can see each other soon. Good Luck and May God Bless you and Keep you.

Love
Margaret X



Airmail

Sgt. H. L. Bank 20416637
Co "M" 167th Inf.
APO 31 c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Margaret
Box 269
Sylacauga
Ala.

University of Alabama

October 18, '44

Hello Harold -

What's cooking? Think it'll rain?

Looks as if old man winter is here - turned cold over night.

Started ~~work~~ work today - got tired of doing nothing - I am a private sec.!!! The job is real interesting.

Gosh I haven't heard any gossip in quite a while.

"Fink" (Irving Finkelstein) is missing in action - poor kid.

Have you heard from Marion lately? What has she got to say?

Excuse this short note but I have to get ready to take the folks over to my aunt's.

Sadly
Margaret







Sgt. Harold L. Banks 20416637
Co "M" 167th Inf.
A.P.O. 31, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Margaret
Bdg 269
Tuscaloosa
Alabama

November 16th
Thursday Nite

Dear Harold -

The pictures are adorable - you are ever so sweet to think of "lil" me.

Sidney is now in North Africa - his S.A.E. won the "Blue" Flag in the inspection November 1st - he is now the Group Flag Ship in his Floatilla.

Remember Sonny Miller? He was a Kappa Nu over at school - he was seriously injured in Germany.

Irving Finkelstein ("Fink") is reported missing!!

I am once again a work-girl - a private sec. to Dr. Trenchard - at the Pan X.

In September I went over school for "Rush" - Gosh, it is dead but our pledges are adorable!!

Sure Georgia murder 'Bama in fast ball a couple

of week back. Saw most of the kids then but they didn't know much gossip.

Renie (Mrs. Bob Engel) is to be a "mommy" this month - they are so happy!!

Have you met any S. A. M's over there? Sidney met one or two in Italy.

How is Marion? Give her my love when you write.

I haven't heard from Lipson lately - have you?

Saw Sottie a few weeks back - she looks wonderful!

Honey are you taking care of yourself? Don't push the "matinee" girls too much.

Be sweet -

Love
Margaret

Marion J. Berkmen
1859 Rutherford Ave., Apt. 4
Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE
MAR 8
3:30 PM
1944
KY.

GIVE
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WAR FUN

Lgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M 167th Inf. APO 31
Camp Pickett
Virginia

MARION

Dear Harold,

We're in the midst of the world's worst rush at the Internal Revenue office, as you can well imagine, so close to March 15. I haven't been getting a chance to do anything — but I resolved to stay in tonight - write some letters - and go to bed early. That's about the only way I can expect to survive the extra work - longer hours etc. — so they tell me! If there's anything you'd like to know about <u>income tax</u> — just ask me!! I've been eating, sleeping, and breathing the stuff for a whole month now!!!

I just glanced over your last letter and I'd forgotten you hadn't heard — "I have a job now." Much to everyone's surprise, including my own. I got one after I'd been up here about a week and I've been here ever since. Louisville is <u>one</u> good town — have you ever been here? But — you sound like you've been doing just fine in New York and Washington. It seems like you have a hard time deciding where you'd <u>rather</u> go when you have some time off.

I gave Ann your "hello". I've been seeing quite a bit of her over the week-ends and sometimes in town after work.

Something is always happening in Lucedale — I don't know any of the details - but the latest news is Evelyn Glazier engagement to a 1st Lt. on the staff of the Northington General Hospital. I've just heard about it very indirectly and haven't yet figured out how he is. I think she met him right before Christmas vacation but that's about all I know.

You've probably seen Sammy Jospin and Bernie Sanders by now and learned that Don Frost isn't stationed at Camp Lee. I believe he's at Ft. Benning Ga. — is that right? All the reports from school have been to the effect that he and Dot Ellen are very very happy. Married life must be all right after all!

Jean Rae is just fine — I haven't seen her lately but I've talked to her several times on the phone. She's married to a soldier stationed at Ft. Knox.

Haven't you a new addition on your address or has it always been there? I just noticed the "APO 31". What does that mean?

MARION

Write real soon and let me know what you're doing - if you've seen any old schoolmates of mine and what they're doing. My little sis must be awfully busy I haven't heard from her this week. She's usually pretty good about keeping me posted on the S.D.S. house and school in general.

I hope to take a little visit down that way sometime before June if I can get off a few days from work. That sounds strange coming from me, doesn't it? I haven't quite gotten used to the idea anyway.

If you do run into Sammy D. or Bernie S. tell them hello for Lella for me and don't forget to write soon.

Love,

Marian

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No. _____

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To SGT. HAROLD L BANK, 20416437
Co. M. 167TH. INF. APO 34B
% P.M. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

From MARIAN L. BERKMAN
(Sender's name)
1859 RUTHERFORD AVE.
(Sender's address)
LOUISVILLE, KY.

MAY 25 1944
(Date)

CONT'D.

Willie Engel married a Lt. stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Elaine he's from Hartford, Conn.

I've been out of town for the past two weeks - went home last week but before last. Last weekend drove down to Owensboro, Ky. with a girl friend from there.

You sound like you're stationed in a nice uncomfortable place. I hope things are a little better now. What you told me about it sounded real interesting - I guess what you couldn't tell me about it would be a lot more so.

This spot in the sun where I'm sitting is getting full of ants. I hope there aren't any enclosed in these two V-mails.

If there's anything you'd like for me to send you - mail you'd send me a request and I'll be glad to get it for you. Knowing there must be something you can't get over there that I could probably get for you.

Write soon.

Love,
Marion

V-MAIL

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Co. M. 167th INF. APO 31-B
% PM. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

From
MARIAN JOYCE BERKMAN
(Sender's name)
1859 RUTHERFORD AVE.
(Sender's address)
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
MAY 28 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold,

I've started several letters to you, but something always happened to keep me from finishing them. Right now I'm sitting in the back yard taking a sun bath and I'm writing you along as they say I've planned all to finish this one.

You can't imagine how surprised I was when I discovered you were in New Guinea. Thought it was taking you an awful long time to answer my letter but didn't know that was the reason.

Jean Anne Hartman and Evelyn Hayes the other night. Evelyn is engaged, do you have probably heard. Her man is overseas, and she is planning on going back to school next week.

Anne said she had been hearing from Sid Rosen pretty much. I think he's out in the Pacific somewhere. I talked to Edith the other night over the telephone. They're having exams at school now — glad I'm not there. About six of the girls including her are going to Miami this week as soon as exams are over. They're going to visit Margie Baumgarten and Mona Rubin — I know they'll have a lot of fun.

Edith said Lammy Dupin came back to school for a visit not long ago. Also Dot Ellen Grant. Don't know whether I told you in my last letter, but don't believe I did — and it —

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORM NO. 1

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf., APO 31,
c/o PM, San Francisco, California

From
Marion [illegible]
(Sender's name)

1035 Cherokee Road
(Sender's address)

Louisville, Kentucky

July 14, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold:

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We didn't get to see too much of downtown Chicago--did make several of the night spots, but I think we saw more bars than anything else. No, we didn't turn out to be sots but it wasn't our fault, because we did sit in quite a few during our stay in the Windy City.

We saw Seymour Cohen--it was the first time I had ever met him, but Anne had known him pretty well when he was in school at 'Bama. We spent all of one night discussing everyone we all knew from school. We, also, saw Sid Rosen's brother. You've probably heard him talk about his older brother. He was very nice to us--saw him several times while we were there. I don't know Sid's address. Anne hears from him all the time though, so I'll try to get it for you from her.

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To
SGT. HAROLD L. BANK, 20416657
Co. M 167TH INF., APO 31,
% P.M. SAN FRANCISCO
CALIF.

From
MARION [illegible]ERKHAN
(Sender)
1035 CHEROKEE RD.
(Sender's address)
LOUISVILLE, KY.
JULY 18, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold,

Saw Anne Hertzman last night and asked her for Sid Rosen's address. She's been promising it to you for a long, so here it is finally with the compliments —

PVT. SID ROSEN, 36662248
Hq. DET. S.O.S.
APO 502
% P.M. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

He's in New Caledonia, I think — or he was there. Write soon —

Love,
Marian

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO.

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V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO.

WRITE RETURN ADDRESS HERE

Marion J. Berkman
1035 Cherokee Rd.
Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE
JUL 22
10:30 AM
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Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M 161st Inf., APO 31,
% P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Your Overseas Edition *of the* Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL *Courtesy of* STEWART'S

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE MORON WHO:

A Ate bullets so he could have bangs.
Ran around the top of a Wheaties box because it said "tear around here".
Turned off the light in his car because he had to strip the gears.
Made three socks for her son in the army because he had written her he had grown a foot.
Thought a mushroom was a room to neck in.
Slept on his stomach because he heard the Japs were looking for a Naval Base.
Took a bottle of milk to the movies because he heard there was to be a serial.
Thought asphalt was rectum trouble.
Thought Peter Pan was something they used in a hospital.
Called his girl Tapioca because he could make her in a minute.
Went to his tailor for epileptic fits.
Took his knee cap off to see if there was any beer in the joints.
Went to a flower shop to buy a defense plant.
Sat at home crying because her husband was out shooting crap and she didn't know how to cook it.
Put a skirt on the bureau because its drawers were showing.
Poured whiskey on his victory garden so he could grow stewed tomatoes.
Drank eight cokes and belched seven up.
Thought Uncle Sam's closest relative in the service was "Anti Aircraft".
Stood on a corner with a piece of toast in his hand waiting for a traffic jam.
Served bullets for dinner so he could pass the ammunition.
Knew he missed the street car because he saw the tracks go by.
Cut off his fingers so he could write short hand.
Moved into town because the country was at war.
Wanted to be a vitamin because he saw a sign "Vitamin B-1".
Took a bottle of liquor to bed with him because he wanted to sleep tight.
Put a diaper on a cigaret butt.
Took a street car home and his wife made him take it back.
Looked through a screen door and strained his eyes.
Thought Western Union was a cowboy's underwear.
Poked out his eyes so he could go on a blind date.
As he was dying, asked for a chair for rigor mortis to set in.
Cut a hole in the rug so he could see the dirty floor show, then covered it up because he did not like the dirty cracks.
Wore a cellophane suit because the doctor told him to watch his stomach.
Went out of the street car backwards because two women said they were going to grab his seat.
Got highly indignant when the teacher told him to do improper fractions.
Wore pumps because he had water on the knee.
Cut himself in two so he could wear a two piece bathing suit.
Took a ladder to the party because he heard the drinks were on the house.
Took a ladder to church because they were having a high mass.
Cut off his arms so he could wear a sleeveless sweater.
Shot his father and mother so he could go to the orphans' picnic.
Greased himself so he could get up oily.
Took out his ration book when the dentist said he was giving him gas.
Stayed up all night so he could study for a blood test in the morning.
Went down to the shipyard to see a blood vessel.

Of course, I typed these out during working hours but it was circulating around the office, and I thought you might enjoy some of 'em.

Marion J. Berkman
1035 Breaker Rd.
Louisville Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
NOV 6
10 AM
1944

Air Mail

Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20#16637
Co. M. 167TH Inf. A.P.O. 31
% P.M.
San Francisco, Calif



November 5, 1944
(Don't forget this one)

Dear Harold,

Just paid your old Home town a visit last week. We had a call from school saying Edith had a very sudden attack of appendicitis and had to be operated on immediately. Mother just happened to be visiting here in Louisville, so we dashed to the station and caught the first train for Tuscaloosa. Edith was getting along fine when we arrived, so it really turned out to be more of a vacation for me than anything else.

It certainly was good being back at school — especially because I was just just visiting and could sit back and watch everyone else go to class and study their heads off. The E. S. T's had a real cute bunch of pledges this year (9 of 'em). We are really getting a bunch of Florida girls in our house.

I think about five of the girls are from Florida — and we also have a real cute pledge from Norfork, Va. Neither of the Va. girls you met are back this year. Of the old girls you know — Etta L., Melba King, The two Glazer girls, Edith, Rosalie, Margie Rosenstein, the Goldstein twins — Mona, and Sue are about the only ones who are there.

The only two E. A. M's on the campus now are Marty Carlton and Lloyd Harman, and believe it or not, Lloyd lives in the Kappa Nu House. The Kappa Nus are still active — they have about five or six boys I think. I never thought I'd see the day when a Sammie would be living in the Kappa Nu House. How about that?

Marty and Elmar are very

happily married. He's still going to Med. school and they have an apartment down there. I was in town such a short time I didn't get a chance to go over to see it though.

I ran into Duck Abrams on the Birmingham Station. He was on his way back to camp, and just as I started talking to him, our train came in, so I didn't have a very long conversation with him. He told me that his parents were moving to Louisville, so I may see him again if and when he ever gets home on furlough.

Harvey Lipson (the Z. B. T.) and Dottie Kahn from Mobile were married several weeks ago. Harvey is stationed at the Jeffersonville Quartmaster Depot and they're living in Louisville now.

This is quite a coincidence - but they're living in the same apartment house as Anne Herlzman.

It seems that I'm overflowing with news about old 'Bama students. Judy Hirsh from Chicago (I'm sure you must remember her). She was in school my first year at the University. Anyway, she was visiting in Louisville this past week. Friday night we went over to Anne's and Harry and Dottie came down - so we had sort of a little reunion!! Judy hears from Paul Levy quite often.

I meant to tell you in my last letter Ruth Alpert got married very recently. She married a boy (Lt.) from New Jersey, who is stationed in Miami Beach.

I'm sorry I shocked you with those moral jokes, but if I run across any more I'll be sure to send them.

I know you're probably shocked more than ever to find the snapshots enclosed in this letter. I've been promising to send them for so darn long! Well - I finally got some film and took some pictures one Sunday not long ago, anyway - here they are!!

Write real soon and don't eat too many pineapples and bananas!!

Love,
Marion

Marcia J. Berkman
1335 Cherokee Rd,
Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE
NOV 27
10 AM
1944
KY.

Air Mail!!

Sgt. H. L. Berk, 20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31
% P. M.
San Francisco
California

November 26, 1944

Dear Harold,

You must have received my last letter (honest, I did write you a letter). Little did I know all those newspapers that were mailed to you way back when — would all arrive at the same time — and just when I owed you a letter.

Well — I'm not sure whose turn it is now — but since you did write a couple of times in succession (the card, letter, and poem) I guess you do deserve some mail.

By the way — I didn't know you were a poet!! — My! My! Do I have your permission to let anyone else read your masterpiece? I suppose the honorable thing for me to do — would be to dash off some poetry for you. The only hitch is "I can't even attempt a poem." So — you'll just have to content yourself with my efforts devoted to an ordinary letter.

Your little island sounds wonderful — I guess it must really be heaven

after some of the other places you've been stationed.

I'm listening to Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade — She really is playing some good music today. This is one Sunday that I've gotten up early enough to hear him. Sunday is the only day I can sleep late, so darn if I don't take advantage of it.

Saw Anne Hertzman last week. We went bowling — that's about the only exercise I've had lately. Anyway, she said she had just heard from Duck Abrams. His family is planning on moving up here sometime in January or February. I may have already told you this in my last letter.

I talked to my sister last week. She said they had just heard Sherly and Arthur Beringer are the proud parents of a little boy as of a couple

2 weeks ago.

About the most surprising news from 'Bama that I've heard lately, however, is Sue Felts and Bernie Steven's marriage. How about that?

Did you celebrate Thanksgiving? We had to work — those of us who work at the office of the Internal Revenue Agent in Charge did, anyway. Mr Col, the boss, got soft-hearted and let us go home a little earlier. The girls out here at the house who have the apartment invited me up for Thanksgiving dinner — there were about seven of us in all. The men were a little outnumbered — as there were five girls and two men.

It must be very warm out where you are — in fact, I guess [redacted] the sun is beaming down. In case you're interested — we're expecting some snow sometime today — if the weather prediction in the paper is correct.

I received your snapshot — its a real good one. Of course, it could have been a little lighter, but I guess you don't have the same facilities for developing pictures out there as we do here at home. Anyway - thank you for sending me one!

Write soon!

Love,
Marian J.

Marion J. Berkman
1035 Cherokee Road
Louisville 4, Kentucky

Air Mail



Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M. 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31
c/o P. M.
San Francisco, Calif.

December 30, 1944

Dear Harold,

I've just been back in Louisville a couple of days--and it just doesn't seem possible that my short Christmas vacation is over. I was lucky enough to get a ride home last Saturday (we, government employees, were not supposed to travel by train, plane, or bus from Dec. 15 to Jan. 8--so the service men would be able to get home), so I just took a little vacation and didn't come back to work 'til Thursday.

Russellville was slightly dead, but even though there wasn't an awful lot going on, it was good to be home. Edith was home from school--that was the first time we had both been home at the same time since September.

I certainly have enjoyed those papers (Dixie Doddle) you've been sending. And--I must compliment you on your prompt replies. Your last letter arrived just a few days after the one before--that doesn't make sense, does it? Well--anyway-- I mean I didn't have time to answer your letter before I received another one--and that is unusual!! See if you can't keep up the good work.

If I strike a few wrong keys or if you have any trouble reading this letter, don't be surprised. I'm the proud owner of a new pair of spectacles--this is the first day I've worn them and, frankly, I believe I can see better without them than with them. I'm really not supposed to wear them except when I'm working or at the picture show--and since I'm at work eight hours a day and an ardent movie fan--there will probably be very little time when I'm not wearing them.

By the way--I liked the comments you made on my pictures. If we're going to get technical about it--I'd better inform you that I've lost some weight, so if I looked a little hefty--it must have been do to the angle at which the darn things were taken.

Its been raining and sleeting here for the past couple of days--and the streets are so slippery--we've all been having trouble getting to and from work in one piece.

I haven't much 'Bama news. Edith didn't have very much to tell me--so there must have been very little going on other than exams right before she left for home. Both of the Glazers are home, but I've only seen them one time

Anne still hears from Sid real often--you write to him now, don't you? I haven't had a chance to tell her about Rosalie, but I will as soon as I see her again.

Its just about quitting time--and since everyone has stopped working--I expect I'd better get ready to leave too.

Write soon!!!

'Bama plays Duke in the Sugar Bowl New Years Day!!

Love,

Marion

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M. 167th Inf. APO 31, c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Marion J. Berryman
(Sender's name)

1035 Cherokee Rd.
(Sender's address)

Louisville, Ky.

(Date)

Dear Harold:

Surely was good hearing from you again. I'm so glad that at least one of the papers have come through. You know I've sent every issue (they come out once a week) ever since the Courier-Journal started making them up this summer--I guess some of them have gotten lost or will get there eventually. Thought there might be some dirt of interest of you or some of your buddies in some of them.

Are you still residing in your resort spot on the beach? It sounds like the ideal spot for a vacation (if it weren't in New Guinea--I imagine you'd say). Anyway--I imagine it is pretty nice having a good view of the ocean.

Sid Rosen sent his letter from you to Anne Hertzman--and she brought it around for me to read. That letter has really traveled over the country. I'm glad that you finally did get in touch with him after I finally did get around to sending you his address.

I'm planning on taking a little trip to my old home town this week-end and spend the holidays there. My sister, Edith, is leaving for school next week, and I want to see her too before she leaves. I don't think she's too anxious to go back, as there's not much of interest down in Tuscaloosa (pardon, I mean the University) now--and it will probably be a case of all study and no play. She finishes up next June though, so we all think its pretty silly not to go back this year.

About the snapshot, Harold, I haven't a single one up here now. However, when I go home this week-end--I'll look around and see if I can't find one. And, if there's not one at home--a friend of mine has promised me some film for my camera--and I'll take one real soon and send it to you.

One of the girls who lives out where I stay is from Birmingham--and is also a graduate of our alma mater. She's up here working on the Louisville Times--anyway we were talking one night. I happened to mention something about your brother being in a Jap prison camp--and darn if she didn't know him. Her names' Jane Aldrich--I believe she was in school the same time your brother was in law school down there. It really is a pretty small world after all.

I haven't heard any news from school lately--expect I will after my sis gets back down there and I'll write you all about it. I received a letter from Aunt Gert the other day. She has been a hospital ever since she left Tuscaloosa last December, but she has recovered and seems to be getting along just fine now.

Tell Sid Rosen "hello" when you write to him. And please remember in the future that quite a few people have heard of Russellville, Ky, believe it or not.

Love,
Marion J.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

From
MILDRED FREEMAN
(Sender's name)
2 HILLSIDE AVE.
(Sender's address)
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.
June 23rd 1944
(Date)

Friday:

Dear Harold,

I was very happy to hear from you, Sorry that we couldn't see each other the last time you were home on furlough, but as you know I was on my way to Florida, and I really had a very lovely vacation. In fact I am anxiously looking forward to returning there very soon.

I am sure I answered your last letter. If you didn't receive it something must have gone wrong with the mail. You know I wouldn't do that to you. You must be quite a Don Juan judging from what you wrote, having all that weight. The gals in New Guinea must be getting a break, having you there. I hope you're having fun. (If there are any girls, and I don't mean to be sarcastic)

Best regards to Nat, I think it is swell you two are together. Janice sends her best. No more room so I'll have to close, wishing you lots of good luck.

Hatta Live (Get out of all pain)
Mildred

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PASSED BY CENSOR T.E.F. APO EXAMINER

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To: [redacted] Nazzle BANK
[redacted]
APO 3
Capt Pickett, [redacted]

From: Capt W. H. Tomlinson Jr. [redacted]
(Sender's name)
[redacted]
(Sender's address)
New York N.Y.
(City)
3 March 1944
(Date)

Dear World. I hope this letter finds you. I haven't heard from you in months & I wrote last. Left the States in January. Fort & Algiers, Paris, Algiers, Constantine, Oran, etc. Am now in [redacted]. This is really some place. We really saw alot of interesting things & places. Didn't stop in Sicily but flew over it. I keep wondering where you are - if your orders yet or not. I hope not. I work. I was back in the good old USA. No place like it. Say hello to Mrs Jan & Barbara Ann. Barbara will be a grown up little girl next time I see her. She's 7 months old now. God & miss them. What do you hear from the boys? Am in the neck of the woods. Small world. Remember a small good looking boy named Dodson. Went to W.H.S. with you. Said hello. Write soon. Yours Tom Tomlinson

V---MAIL

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M Rosen
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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M" 167th Inf.
APO 31 9.7 M
San Francisco, Calif.

From Capt [redacted] Rosen
0157 [redacted]
(Sender's name)
20th QM Co.
APO 638
(Sender's address)
APO N.Y.
5 Aug 44
(Date)

Dear Harold: Received your V-mail a couple days ago - also the one from you & Sam a week ago. She was glad you all got together. Wish I could have been with you. Nothing new with me. Still working every day - at least till this week. Now I'm busy. Probably be when I was at first soon. I left from Patricia Henry. Where did you hear from. Hear from Ruby Ling. He won't be drafted. Be Queen & the two kids all back in business. Hear was about it. Chuck Goodstein married a South Carolina gal (gentile) He got a C.D. & is now in La. Al Lear is still in England. Met a kid name Evans from Tuscaloosa. Know him? What ever happened to Ted Evans? Quit with some news. Best Regards from Jean & Bran. Love Dad Mort.

V-MAIL

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20416697
Co "M" 167 INF. APO 31
%PM S.F. Calif.

From Pfc Wm Foran
01526575
[illegible] Co.
APO 28
(Address)
%PM N.Y.
29 Sept 44
(Date)

Dear Harold. Received your letter the other day & this is the first chance I've had to answer. Been busy as hell. Visited Vesuvius & Pompeii. Pompeii is really a large place. Real interesting history that they don't put in history books back home. Didn't see much of Rome but its real beautiful clean & modern. Not like Naples Bari etc. Rome didn't get hit hardly at all. Visited Leghorn & Pisa. The leaning tower of Pisa is some thing to see. Lots of beautiful churches etc. I've seen some large towns with not a whole house standing. It's hard to believe war is so destructive. Guess you've seen it too. Italy is in terrible shape. Not much left. They'll have to rebuild from the ground up. No repairs can help this place. Even my house has the 2nd floor torn off. Write soon

V-MAIL

Your Pal Wm

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Co M-167TH Inf. APO 31-8
% Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif

Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
370 Lincoln Pl.
(Sender's address)
Brooklyn 17, N.Y.
May 26, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold: -

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Sgt Harold L Bank
20416637 - Co M - 167th Inf
APO 31-B - C/o PM
San Francisco Cal

Nanni Friedman
(Sender's name)
320 Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brklyn 17 NY
(City)
May 29, 1944
(Date)

It took me a long time to get up enough nerve to get completely wet but I finally did it and it was worth the torture.

While we were riding along Belt Parkway, we passed the Floyd Bennett Air Field which has been taken over by the navy. It was thrilling to watch planes take off and land. We also saw a helicopter land and it was wonderful. The plane's plane was actually suspended in mid air.

Well, I'll be hearing bottom from you. So guess I'll close.

Love
Nanni

P.P. Heard from Lottie, at long last.

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APO 31-B % P.M.
San Francisco Calif

Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
3ro Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 29, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold- I told you that I'd write as soon as I could, so here I am to keep my word. Here it's Monday morning, but for once, it isn't a blue monday. (Could be that tomorrow is a holiday (Decoration Day) or could be due to the fact that I had a heavenly weekend.

Saturday afternoon a gang of us went bike riding on Belt Parkway for over four hours, and it was glorious. The bicycle path runs along the ocean and it was so beautiful that I cannot even begin to describe it. The sun was shining in full blast and my nose turned a beet red. Unfortunately my sister had a flat on the way coming back and we walked over a mile to the bike store.

Sunday, I went swimming in the ocean.

V-MAIL

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sgt Harold L. Bank 20416657
Co M, 167th Inf. APO 81-B
% Postmaster
San Francisco, Cal.

Naomi Feldman (Sender's name)
320 Lincoln Pl. (Sender's address)
Brooklyn, N.Y.
June 8, 1944 (Date)

DEAR HAROLD:-

IT'S ME AGAIN. HAPPENED TO HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE AT THE OFFICE AND COULDN'T THINK OF A MORE PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND THEM THAN WRITING TO YOU.

I SUPPOSE THAT YOU HEARD THE VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS ABOUT THE INVASION. I TOLD YOU THAT MY BROTHER HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO ENGLAND, ABOUT A MONTH AGO. ANYHOO, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS SENT TO FRANCE YET, BUT I SUPPOSE HE'LL BE IN THE THICK OF IT SOON. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM ENGLAND FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS NOW.

AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, EVERYBODY WAS TERRIBLY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEWS. PATRIOTISM WAS IN THE AIR (STILL IS, FOR THAT MATTER) AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BLOOD DONOR CENTERS WERE FLOODED WITH CALLS FROM VOLUNTEERS. THERE WAS ALSO AN INCREASE IN THE SALE OF STAMPS AND BONDS. I SUPPOSE I DONATED BLOOD JUST IN TIME, BECAUSE I WAS DOWN AT THE RED CROSS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. MY DOCTOR GAVE ME IRON PILLS TO BUILD UP MY BLOOD AND ~~XXX~~ I CAN DONATE BLOOD AGAIN IN A FEW MORE WEEKS. I CERTAINLY HAD A HARD TIME LEARNING TO SWALLOW THOSE D--N PILLS. I NEARLY CHOKED IN THE ATTEMPT.

HAVE YOU LOST ANY MORE WEIGHT SINCE YOU WROTE LAST? WRITE AS SO-N AND AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.

LOVE,
Naomi

V-MAIL

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Pvt Harold Bank

[redacted]

San Francisco

N Feldman
(Sender's name)
370 Lincoln Ave
(Sender's address)
Brklyn 17
June 12
(Date)

DEAR HAROLD:

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT YOUR PEN PAL IS GETTING TO BE A MECHANIC IN HER OLD AGE. MY SISTER HAD AN ACCIDENT ON HER SKATES THE OTHER NITE AND SHE LEARNED THAT IT WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE WHEELS HAD NEVER BEEN CLEANED. SO LAST NITE WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF THE WHEELS WE SET OURSELVES DOWN ON THE FLOOR AT 11:00 PM AND STARTED TO TAKE THEM APART. WE DIDN'T FINISH UNTIL ALMOST 3:00 A.M. BUT IF I MUST SAY SO MYSELF WE DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB.

THEY'VE STARTED A NEW REGULATION IN THE ROLLER SKATING RINKS. GIRL'S SKATING COSTUMES CANNOT BE MORE THAN SIX INCHES FROM THE KNEE. OUR RINK'S REGULATION DOES NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER SO WE'VE BEEN WEARING SKIRTS THAT JUST COVER WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO COVER. HOWEVER I HAPPENED TO WEAR MY SHORTEST SKIRT TO ANOTHER RINK SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND THE ATTENDANT TOLD ME THAT UNLESS I WEAR A LONGER SKIRT THE NEXT TIME I WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO OUT ON THE FLOOR. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

WELL LOOKS LIKE I'D BETTER CLOSE: WILL WRITE SOON. YOU DO THE SAME.

LOVE Naomi

V-MAIL

No. _____

To Sgt HAROLD BANK
[redacted]
APO
c/o POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO

From N. FELDMAN
(Sender's name)
320 LINCOLN Pl
(Sender's address)
BROOKLYN 17, NY
June 20, 1944
(Date)

V-MAIL

[illegible] moment at the roller skating rink a few days ago. Two drunken sailors got into a fight and nearly beat each other into a bloody pulp. One of the attendants, a big strapping girl, tried to intervene and was rewarded with a sock on the jaw which knocked her out cold for ten minutes. It took four men to carry her off the floor.

I took some new pictures Sunday afternoon, but I won't have the prints for another week. If they come out okay, I'll send you some of those too.

I'll write as soon as I get those pictures in my skating outfit. Until then.

Lots of love
Naomi

Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

To Pvt Harold Bank
[redacted]
A.P.O.
c/o P.M.
San Francisco

From Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
370 Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brooklyn 17
June 20, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold -

I received your V-mail letter of June 7th today. I was just beginning to wonder when you were going to write.

I am having some prints developed and as soon as I get them, I'll send you one or two pictures. It's good to hear that you're taking life easy, at least temporarily. I still don't know whether my brother is in France or England. The last letter I received was dated June 4th and that was two days before D-Day. However, guess we'll have more definite news soon.

There was quite a lot of

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APO 31- % P.M.
San Francisco Cal

Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
320 Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brklyn N.Y.
June 23, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold:-

I've been feeling pretty good today. Wore a new dress to the office and received compliments galore! Even got an extra squeeze from the boss. There's nothing like a new dress to boost a gal's morale!

Walked along Fifth Avenue today on my lunch hour. (that's our Main Street of N. Y.) I ~~mkx~~ wish you could see the colorful display of the flags of the United Nations. You know, Fifth Avenue has become The Avenue of the Allies, and the side streets from about 23rd to 65th Street have been given the names of the islands, countries, and continents fighting against the Axis. I suppose this is only a temporary set up during the Fifth War Loan.

Speaking of the Fifth War Loan, I've been determined to buy a bond during this drive. Anyhoo, my friends wanted to go away for a few days to the country and it had to be either the bond or the vacation - so I am going to buy the bond instead. How's that for will power. I feel that it's the least I cando. Right?

Time to close. How about writing more often.

Love,
Naomi

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Dear Harold —

Thought you might like to see where I spend most of my time.

Love
Naomi

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B.M.T. Brighton Line to Prospect Pk. Sta.

Naomi Feldman
3 to Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17

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Naomi Feldman
320 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17 NY

I've sort of neglected all my friends and I still have eleven letters to go. So, I'll say so long for now - Write soon.

Love
Nomi

July 11, 1944

Dearest Harold -

Just received your letter of June 22.

As I promised I am enclosing several snapshots. Hope you like them. The one in the dress isn't the best I've taken by any means but the Kodak advertisement says that snapshots boost the morale of servicemen. Now c'mon admit it, don't you feel too too for words after seeing the pictures of my fair (?) countenance.

It certainly was

Who wouldn't be?

My brother is still in England. He didn't participate in the invasion and he makes no mention as to whether he will be going over soon. The censors his own mail and he's more tight lipped than any Pfc. No, he's not in the air corp. He's in the Infantry Division, Adjutant General's Dept.

I'd like to make this letter longer but

unfortunate that you had to spend your birthday under such depressing circumstances. I hope that the next time your birthday comes around you'll be able to make up for this one. Anyhow, please accept my very best wishes. Incidentally, how old are you now, or is that a military secret?

I heard from Lothe too. Haven't answered her letter yet, but she seems very enthusiastic about going to Miami.

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Sgt. N. R. Bent 20416637
Co M- 167th Infantry
APO 31- C/o Postmaster
San Francisco Calif

(Soldier's name)
370 Lincoln Pl
(Soldier's address)
Brooklyn 17
July 16, 1945
(Date)

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I received a card from Leslie and she seems to be having a nice time.

Your life sounds rather pleasant on New Guinea. Exactly what kind of drinks were you referring to, Sgt?

I sent you the picture in an air mail letter a few days ago. It will probably reach you about the same time this one does. May have a few more snapshots for you within the near future.

I'm writing this letter on the beach and find am having a tough time getting into a comfortable position.

Think I'll make this a short one. Will write soon. Love Naomi

V-MAIL

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I sent you the picture in an air mail letter a few days ago. It will probably reach you about the same time this one does. May have a few more snapshots for you within the near future.

I'm writing this letter on the beach and find am having a tough time getting into a comfortable position.

Think I'll make this a short one. Will write soon. Love Naomi

V-MAIL

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San Francisco Calif

Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
320 Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brooklyn 13 NY
July 29, 1944
(Date)

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(Sender's address)
Brooklyn 17, Ny
July 18, 1944
(Date)

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arousing "Joe", a male bear weighing 1,000 pounds. They were teasing him when suddenly, without warning, he grabbed one of the girls' wrists and stuck his other paw through the bars and crushed her body against the bars. While the girls frantic companions tried to distract the bears attention, he began to chew her arm from the fingers up. Finally they got fire to a newspaper and shoved it in the bears face. By this time he had torn the girls arm with his teeth up to her shoulder, and when he noticed the fire he released her and backed away. It's one of the most gruesome incidents that I've heard of in a long time. She had her whole right arm amputated today.

Well, looks like I'm near the end of the page, so I'll close. Write soon. Naomi

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San Francisco Calif

Mr. Mrs. Miss Naomi Feldman
(Sender's name)
320 Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Brooklyn 17 NY
July 15, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold:- (skinny)

Received the snapshots today! You're a funny guy. Not even a word of explanation accompanying them. Frankly, I wouldn't have recognized you if it wasn't for the envelope with your return address. (I didn't even recognize your handwriting)

Gosh you look all skin and bones and with that haircut you almost resemble a Jap. - No offense meant - I said "almost".

There was quite a bit of excitement in the papers yesterday. Two couples decided to visit the zoo at Central Park after leaving the stork club, one of the elite nite spots. All the animal houses were closed and the only life they could find was at the polar bears' cage which is on the outside. They succeeded in

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Bklyn 17 NY
Aug. 26, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold:

Right after I wrote to you
[illegible] I received
[illegible] of August 6th and 9th. The
[illegible] from the San Francisco postal
[illegible] are terrible and much we can
do about it unfortunately

Heard from Leslie yesterday She
seems to be suffering from the heat in
Pascagoula. We've been having a cold
spell in New York. Thank goodness.
Mother had to bring out all the blankets,
cause we were freezing. I like

Harold don't say I didn't like
the pictures. I was just ribbing you
a little. I guess it's pretty difficult to see
what we mean through letters—
I wouldn't worry if I were you
because you're 27. Both of my
brothers are older than you, one is
28 - almost 29 - and the other will be 31,
and they're

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August 31, 1944

Dearest Harold:-

I really shouldn't be doing this (writing a personal letter on the boss' time). At least I shouldn't be doing this right after I asked for a raise and some added responsibility. Therefore, I'll make this a shortie. Think it will make the boss happier?

I don't know what's happening to my roller skating lately. It seems to be going to the dogs, or something. I've got so many bruises that I'm a total wreck. Seriously, I have so many black and blue marks that I'm more black than white, and some of them are in the darndest places. One of them is really a lulu. It has all the colors of the rainbow and then some, and it's about the size of a saucer. I'm going into competition with some of the girls down at the rink to see who has the worst marks and I'm quite confident that I'll come out with first prize.

I probably could have fit this letter neatly into a V-mail blank, but it's too obvious to type them in the office. By the way, do you prefer Air Mail letters or V-mails, or don't you care. I know some of the fellows make an awful fuss when they receive V-mails, Seems they are allergic to dehydrated letters.

Must close, cause I hear the boss. Write soon.

Love,

Nonni





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Airmail

Naomi Feldman
320 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17 NY

Jow, my skirt was certainly shorter than the regulation permits, and the backs of my skirts are now shorter — more territory to cover, you know.

I suppose you must be bored stiff with this chatter, so I'm going to sign off -

Write soon -

Love
Nonie

September 5, 1944

Dearest Harold -

The mail just doesn't seem to be improving from the South Pacific. I just received your V-mail letter of Aug 19. Incidentally, your letters seem to be getting shorter. However, I'm not complaining. I know you haven't much time, and I also know that you have to be careful of what you write. Therefore, I'll do the talking, if that's okay with you.

Just to read your letter make me feel hot. Did you gain any weight since your illness, or are you still losing? Ge, I lost eight pounds, and I

sightseeing in Chinatown where we gorged ourselves with gooey food. Believe it or not, ~~that~~ those activities covered three full days, without a minute to spare. I like to do things that way, but it can be mighty tough on the wallet. The bike riding and rowing were tough on the muscles too.

I was supposed to go roller skating twice but a new regulation went into effect which left me without any costumes. Skating skirts cannot be more than three inches above the knee. As you saw from the picture I sent

certainly cannot afford it. I'll tell you what, I'll lose weight for you and you gain some ~~fam~~ for me, or would you rather we take care of our problems ourselves - Whatever you say, Chink.

I'm in pretty good spirit tonite, after having spent a very enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Even going back to work today didn't bother me - not much!!!!!! Over the weekend, I saw a motion picture, a stage production, went rowing for four hours, bike riding for six, and then to top it off, we went



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San Francisco Calif

Airmail

but there's nothing like making certain.

Well, I think I'll close before I drive someone nuts —

Love,
Nonie

Write !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

September 13, 1944

Dear Sir Galahad:-

First of all, I want to thank you for the letter I didn't get.

I feel rather silly tonite, and I'm wondering if I can write a letter completely lacking in so-called common sense.

I was having lunch with a friend and in the course of the conversation, we discussed the letters from servicemen which P.M. print (This paper has a column each day reserved for an interesting letter from a serviceman or woman) Anyhoo, my friend read a letter which she thought would appeal to the reading public. Not to be outdone, I went searching thru my handbag and found a letter which my brother had written about six weeks ago. Don't ask me why I was still carrying it around after all that time except that maybe it was because I was proud of it. Anyhoo I read the letter to my friend, and you know, Harold, I made a discovery. That letter was love & letter the

second time, and the third almost sidesplitting. ~~So~~ I've come to the conclusion that it's more fun reading a letter the third time. So from now on, I'm going to skip the first and second times.

Well to get back to the lunch hour, I read this masterpiece to my friend, (now my brother's admirer) and she was very much impressed. Also seated at our table were two gentlemen - no - a correction - actually they were not gentlemen, because you'll never guess what they ~~were~~ were doing. Eavesdropping - yes - as shocking as it may sound that's exactly what they were doing - In fact, they were so busy listening to the letter I was reading that they completely forget about their lunches - and that's something, because you know how men are when it come to their stomachs. - Now, ordinarily what I think about

eavesdroppers isn't worth mentioning However, these guys said that they too thought the epistle very entertaining.

Now where were we. Um ha de dum - oh yes, I was having lunch with two guys. no - I was having lunch with a friend and two guys liked a letter. They were/had looking sitter. One had a mustache and the other had some gray hair at the temples. I don't particularly go for mustaches cause they tickle but the gray hair is very distinguished. Why am I wasting this valuable time writing about some men neither of us know - unless of course, you'd care to know them - ?? I thought not

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(Soldier's name)
(Soldier's address)

Naomi Feldman
330 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17 NY

(Date)

September 17, 1943

Hello you!

Darling, sometimes in this time former life I must have been cruel to a dog, or a cat or something, otherwise how could I possibly be deserving of the negligence on your part. Seriously Harold I hope you're okay. I haven't received any mail from you for more than three weeks, and that, is unusual.

That reminds me, I'm afraid I won't have much time for writing from now on. I never had really, but I always managed to get some of my mail done in the office on the boss' time. However I've been given added duties at the office which will make it impossible to write personal letters also. I registered at Evening college for several courses, which means that when I'm not at school I'll have homework. Besides which, I'm mad for my roller skating. So you see it's going to be pretty tough to write to all my friends. Don't want you to think for one minute that I'm going to stop writing. I'm just telling you this so that if there should be a lull between letters occasionally you'll know that it's not because I'm lazy. However I'll do my darndest to write whenever I can because I value our correspondence.

V-MAIL

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Airmail

Naomi Feldman
320 Lincoln Pl
Bklyn 17 NY.

does.

My brother has been neglecting us lately. We very rarely hear from him. According to the news, he must be very busy.

How about a nice long letter from you, Chink, instead of those flight dehydrated letters!

Love
Mom

Saturday

Dear Harold:-

I was very pleased with your V-mail letter of September 11. I'm glad you enjoy reading my letters, cause I want you to know, I enjoy writing them to you.

I haven't heard from Rattie in several weeks; but I suppose there'll be a letter by next week.

What do you mean, I probably get drunk on the cork or words to that effect. I'll bet I could drink you under the table. How about a little bout when you come home - okay? The loser will have

to forfeit something - Be sure to let me know if it's okay with you so that I can start practicing.

I just came home from a hectic days work. My boss asked me if I'd like to put in some overtime and I grabbed the opportunity. Not bad, eh what. I worked three days (Mon. & Tues. were the Jewish holidays), received a full week's pay, and besides that, time and a half for the six hours I worked today.

My boss' picture appeared in one of the prominent newspapers of N.Y.C. He's on the committee of "Business-men for Roosevelt Inc" And he make-

a statement to the paper about Roosevelt. Naturally it was favorable. It reminds me of the time some photographer took a photo of Lipton and it didnt come out well, so one of our artists touched up the photo a little. He gave him some hair (my boss is almost bald) and thickened his mustache. He didnt do such a bad job on the hair, but Lipton's mustache looked like it needed a haircut. Everyone in the offic almost passed out from hysterics when the picture appeared in one of the commercial magazines. He looked more like a walrus than a walrus.

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(Soldier's address)

Mrs Jessie [illegible]
3rs Lincoln Pl
(Sender's address)
Bklyn 17 NY

Sept 26, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Chuck:-

surprised? See, that's what happens when you would not things. I feel like writing a letter to someone and since you complimented me on my efforts I elected to ~~to~~ Grant you to a little while. Okay.

Tonite is Jom Kippur Eve or whatever you call it. We were permitted to leave the area until early, and I felt kinda quiet. Guess my boys know that I am not religious.

I finally heard from my brother tonite. It seems he's been very busy out to a spot of in the midst of the fireworks. The first thing he's going to do is send us when he has some time off, is to get just like a Salesman All the Salesmans have two things in Common. They all like to get - I feel I sometimes suspect that one of them had to eat instead of one person) and they all have skinny legs- including yours truly. However, I've managed to ~~have~~ forgive both. Roller skating has developed my legs considerably but I don't have enough time to eat, so I'll all more pow- very people - [illegible] ment plan - Home

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San Francisco Cal.

(Sender's name)
Naomi Feldman
(Sender's address)
370 Lincoln Pl.
Brooklyn 17 NY
(Date)
October 16, 1944

Dearest Harold

This is just a note to find out how you are. I haven't heard from you in ages and I don't know whether it's due to the fact that you're busy or not interested. I haven't heard from Lottie either so I haven't been able to get any news of you from her.

I've written about three letters which you haven't answered, and you can't blame me for being curious, because we were beginning to correspond quite regularly.

Quite a lot has happened since I last wrote to you. The most important occurrence was the enlistment of my sister Lil into the WAVES. She's at boot and is training at Hunter College. She left about two weeks ago and we haven't seen her since. She said we won't see her until November because boot lasts six weeks and then they remain at the base until their training is completed.

I hope I'll hear from you, even if just a line to tell me how you are.

Naomi

V-MAIL

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Pvt N. L. Bank 20416637
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San Francisco
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Airmail

November 5, 1944

Dearest Harold:-

Received your V-mail of Oct 13th written from the Netherland East Indies. Guess you're getting too tuckatine. But the censor blacked out quite a few words. That always makes me very envious, but I guess there's not much that can be done about it.

I'm in pretty good spirits today. We saw my sister this weekend for the first time in a month. She looks so cute in her WAVES uniform and everything. She had to report back to the base at 9:00 P.M. last nite so we met in the city and took in a show and a dinner.

Today she came home for breakfast and is spending the day at home.

Maybe it's a good thing that you haven't been able to drink intoxicating liquor. That stuff does more damage than good. We had a bottle of Canadian Club lying around the house for the longest time which was never opened, and finally I gave it to my brother. He loves to guzzle that stuff. Since my last binge (August) I haven't had more than two or three drinks at a time and have decided that I'll stick to milk or plain water.

However, if you come to New York after the war, I'll get off the milk wagon and we'll get stinking drunk - okay?

My brother is still somewhere in France. We only hear from him about once

once every other week but I'm satisfied as long as we know that he's okay.

My sister is pestering the life out of me because she wants to take pictures in her uniform so I'm going to close -

She sends her best regards -

Love
Nomie



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Naomi Feldman
380 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17 NY

November 10, 1944

Harold, dear —

I've come to the conclusion that you're a man (undoubtedly) of very few words.

I just received that snapshot taken on September 2 in the N. E. Indies with the four-word explanation. Harold, I didn't know that you had so much hair on your chest!! You ought to tell people things like that. Otherwise, how will they know ???

I recognized you at first glance. You certainly are getting to be a shadow of your former self. It's very becoming, but it's very unfortunate that you have to lose it the hard way —

It's a shame that bush obstructed the view. I would have liked a clearer picture of your manly chest. I took some pictures last Sunday when my sister came home on a two day pass. I was only permitted to get one of myself because we wanted to use most of them for her, but fortunately the lone picture I took came out fairly well. I'm going to have some xtras made and will send you on.

I hope you won't mind this deluge of pictures. Just say the word, and I'll stop cluttering up the mails.

I have butterflies in

my stomache. I'm taking midterms this coming Monday nite and I'd hate like the devil to flunk. College is really swell and I hope I can continue, so I'd better pass. Gotta close as I have to bathe (once a year, you know).

So long
Norm

P.S. Just got a phone call from my sister and she's being shipped to Norfolk, Va. I understand that the residents of that city don't care for sailors or the navy — T.S. huh



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N. Feldman
320 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17



November 21, 1944

Dear Chink:-

Whatsa matter? Falling down on the job again. I haven't heard from you in ages. Have I done something wrong?

Heard from my brother at long last, and surprise of surprises, it's now Captain Feldman. Isn't that grand? I'm so proud of him.

Another surprise - Lee was shipped to Norfolk on Tuesday and then on Saturday morning, she came home unexpectedly on a seven day leave. When I saw her standing at the door with her valise, I almost fell right on my

face.

I took the day off. Now don't look so surprised. After all, Lee doesn't come home every day and I wanted to be with her. Just our luck though, first it snowed, then it changed to sleet and now rain. Maybe that's my punishment for taking a day off when I'm not entitled to it.

How's the weather in your part of the world. It's really getting cold here. In fact, we expect below freezing weather tonite.

Must close - Love
Nonie

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the same day. Now just in case you're getting suspicious again, the shadow on the left is my mothers and the one, ~~to~~ on the right is the shadow of the gentlemen who was nice enough to take the picture while my mother held my coat - okay?

Harold, I wont mind if you go to Australia on a furlough. In fact, I'll be glad because you deserve it. However, please be faithful to American girls and don't marry one of those Australian women. Gosh, don't they realize that we hardly have enough to go around as it is?

2:30 P.M.
Tuesday

Dearest Harold:-

I thought that perhaps today was Xmas or my birthday because I recieved two letters from you. It's been quite some time since I received any mail from a certain "Sarge" in the N. E. I., but I see that it wasnt his fault.

Oh, pardon me, just as I started this letter, the Mills Brothers began to sing one of my favorite songs, "You always hurt the one You love."

In case you're wondering how it is possible for me to be listening to the radio at this time of the day, I'll tell you. At this moment I am sprawled out

on the couch at the Feldman residence, 320 Lincoln Place, after having been canned (fired to you) by the Harold Lipton Company. Yep, I'm now a lady of leisure.

Okay, okay, I was just kidding. However, that part about the Miels Bros. and the couch is true. I am suffering with what is known as a cold, which developed very suddenly yesterday morning, and so, after advertising it to the entire office staff, I didnt show up today.

I've been spending my time eating and sleeping, and what a life.

There's only one catch this time. I had planned

to donate blood this coming Friday nite, and now it looks as though I'll have to make a withdrawal rather than a deposit. Seriously tho, it never fails that every time I get ready to donate, a cold develops, — must be a ~~jinx~~ jinx, or somethin'.

Harold, how could you say that I shouldn't ~~let~~ permit soldiers to leave there shadows on my snapshots. Young man, that happens to be a shadow of my mother - so there. Why I don't even know any soldiers, anymore - outside of you dear. Well, alright, maybe I know one, but I wouldn't permit him to leave a shadow on the picture I send you.

Well, I am enclosing another snapshot taken

Uh, what did you mean by that " When are you going to join, ha, ha, ha, ha. " What's so funny? I'm not 4F if that's what you're thinking, although my sister keeps saying I am.

I received a letter from Lottie today, too. I don't know what's come over the Bunk family.

You know what, I think they're nice, though. Strange thing to say, huh, but they sorta grow on you.

Okay, okay, I'm leaving. Don't forget to drop me a line once in a while, honey child —

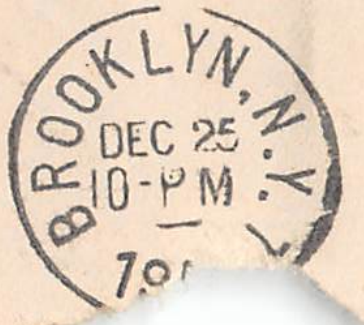
Love
Mom

P.S - Please overlook the paper - Ran out of

- o -

my classy stuff ——

P. P. S. Am enclosing a little cold germ for you. There's more than enough to go around.


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Anna

you quote those sentences which were partially censored, but it would take me a year and a day to locate the letter. Maybe if I have a chance one evening, I'll go through all my mail.

I received the bracelet incidentally, and Harold, it's truly lovely. I'm going to have a catch ~~mas~~ put on because I am anxious to wear it.

I have three of your letters to answer in all, so I guess I'd better get busy this coming week and catch up to you on mail.

You'll be hearing from me soon -

Love
Nomi

P.S. I just realized that I didn't thank you for the bracelet. I'd give you a hug and a kiss, too, but you're too far away. Want me to save it?

December 24. 1944

Dearest Harold:-

Tis the nite before Xmas and it's time for Nomi to write a few long overdue letters. I really am sorry that I haven't written in such a long time. However, I want you to know that I haven't been neglecting you alone. As a matter of fact, I haven't written to anyone with the exception of my sister, and her letters were written on the boss' time.

Tonite I am going to try to make up for lost time, so here goes.

First of all, I suppose you'd be interested to know that New York had it's first real snowstorm of the season last Monday. The streets have almost cleared up by now, but the paper states that we may have a White Xmas after all.

We had our party at the office Friday and

it was a big disappointment. I had intended to get drunk but the liquor was abominable! To add to that, there was a decided shortage of the opposite sex, so we called it quits rather early. However, my boss was rather generous this year, and most of the girls received $5 100 Bonds, including yours truly.

Going home Friday evening was rather amusing. Quite a number of people were celebrating the forthcoming holiday and it wasn't an unusual sight to see a person staggering along on the train. In particular there were three men sitting near me who were exceedingly high. They kept passing a bottle every few minutes and at one of the stations, an old weatherbeaten Top Sgt in the marines with about six hash marks sat down

opposite them. Evidently, the "boys" were in a generous mood, because they kept insisting that the marine take the bottle which was still half full. He was reluctant to accept it, but finally couldn't resist the temptation to take a snort. Then they started to dare him to drink the remainder of whiskey in the bottle and one of the fellows remarked that a man of his age couldn't drink that much liquor in one gulp. I certainly thought the marine would prove that he was capable of doing it, but he didn't. However, he did help himself to another big snort (about ½ of what was left in the bottle) and gave the rest back to the fellows. I was rather disappointed in the outcome, but it was interesting while it lasted.

Honest, I'd be glad to



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20416637
Co M- 167th Inf
A P O 31 C/o P M
San Francisco Calif

Rumack

Naomi Feldman
370 Lincoln Pl
Brooklyn 17 NY

October 27, 1944

Dearest Harold:-

Received your letter of September 25 last nite, and was certainly glad to know that you're okay.

Wowie, I'll bet you must look like a starved pup. Better be careful with this great loss of weight because you might go down the drain.

I'm doing my dandiest to gain ten pounds. I lost about 12 over the summer and my ribs were beginning to stick out. However, I've been gorging myself like a fuddle pig, and I'm sure I've started to gain back some of the weight.

I have to be careful that I don't overdo it because chubby girls don't appeal to most fellows, isn't that right? At least if I were a fellow, I'd prefer the lean girls to the soft flabby ones. What do you say?

Honey, I wrote quite a few letters in the past month which you haven't answered. Hope by the time this reaches you that you will have received them.

I am enclosing a picture of me taken recently - It's more of a leg show than anything else, but I guess you won't

complain, huh?

Finally heard from Lottie too.

I believe I told you that he is a WAVE. I have a terrible memory and just can't keep track of the things I tell people. Guess I'd better tell the truth all the time, right?

Must close as it's late -

Love
Norma

286 West st.
Leominster, Mass.

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 24016637

% Postmastery San Francisco,
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Tuesday
June 6, 1944

Dear Harold -

Believe it or not I started writing you a letter some time ago but gave up when I realized I didn't know your address - Mother forwarded your letter to me or I should say your note - I was quite surprised to learn where you were - I hope you're well and happy and are getting along nicely - I know

I was accepted for Pursur's school and will go soon - he'll graduate an ensign in the M.M. Ruth misses him very much Julie too - Ruth came up here a couple ~~months~~ weeks ago and spent a week with me and then spent time with Adolph in N.Y. It's only 250 miles from here - Sgt & I went there and spent a weekend - naturally Sgt likes it here seeing so near his home - he gets to see his family once in a while

a small but nice town 16 miles from camp - I have mother's car here with me so its very convenient - We live with Syd's C.O. & wife in a lovely house so its all very nice - Jack is still in Colo. he may get a furlough this summer - its been nearly a year since he's been home. Adolph is at Hoffman Island N.Y. in the Merchant Marine - He's been in over two months now and likes it fine - He'd love to see you miss the states but I sincerely hope you'll be back soon and we can still have that planned reunion at our 'Bama homecoming! I guess you'll want to know what happened to me - On march 28 I went to Calif. to be with Syd - I got there on a Friday and we both left Sat. the next day - he got orders to go to Mo. we only stayed there 10 days - we're now in mass. Syd is at Ft. Devens and we live in

Well at last news of the allied invasion has come lets hope this war will soon end and we'll all be home again. I don't know any news of any of our ala. friends - If you know any write me and next time write a letter, not two lines - Yeah! Harold, is there any thing special you'd like? I'd love to send you something but I know I can't without a request so if

there's anything you want special or need - Please write me I'd love to send it - honest - Well sugah, I'll leave the rest up to you - so do write soon - I'll answer prompt, really I will - Till then -

Lots of love to you from
Rosalie

286 West St.
Leominster, Mass.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Ruth Yaffa
Box 658
Hattiesburg, Miss

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M. 167 Infantry
A.P.O. 31-B
San Francisco, Calif.

Box 653
HATTIESBURG, Miss.

Dearest Harold:

I finally got a card from you stating your new address and I sincerely can hope for you as I can definitely imagine what that meant. Harold, you know I wish you all the luck in the world in wherever your destination might be.

Well, we finally are going to move in a nice apartment the 3rd of March. I sincerely will be glad as I am getting tired of eating out, etc. Certainly wish you were here so that I gould invite you to a good ole steak dinner. (My cooking!)

I had to miss work Wednesday and Thurdsday last week as I was very sick. I was to sick that I just couldn't work and now I am ok again. I guess everyone feels bad occassionally.

Oh yes, I received the cutest picture from Lottie. She looks a little like you but not much. She said that everyone told her that she favored Burt more than you. Anyway, your sister looks just like a former roommate of ours. We couldn't get over the resemblance.

Incidentally, we are taking inventory in the office and golly I am so tired of making up reports. I had to work Sunday so I ate dinner out at one of the officers club and played ping pong practically the whole afternoon. Beat everyone in the place.(Good, aren't I.) No kidding, I did beat everyone. I guess I just love the sport very well. I never did play ping pong with you. Infact, when I come to realize it, I never did do much with you. Gee, I wish you had stayed here a little longer. That's the way it is in the army.

Well, honey, I had better get back to work. Will write you tomorrow.

All my love,

Ruth

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Miss Ruth Yaffe
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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M 167th Infantry 31st Div.
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg,Miss.

Dearest Harold:

Well, I finally received a letter from you from your new address. Gee, Harold, you strictly get around these days. Lst you are in Miss., then in Va., then in Washington and N.Y. and now my dear in Calif. and who knows where you'll be next. Whereever you are, you know that I will be thinking about you and wishing you loads of luck.

It seems as if the Yaffes will never get a place to live. We had another disappointment yesterday when the lady whom we were going to rent an apartment decided to sell the house so our plans for the apartment were out. Oh well, a Yaffe never gives up and you bet your boots we'll find something yet.

What's you been doing for excitement. Gee, the weather has certainly been beautiful these days and I have been feeling much better. Haven't done anything in particular but go to a couple of officer's dances. You know Harold I used to go with enlisted men all the time and now it seems as if there aren't any more nice ones and I met a few officers who have cars and it is really swell going out again. However, everyday men are being pulled out and especially all the officers in our office are expected to be called for combat duty any day now.

Oh yes, prepare yourself for a shock. Remember Lena Kelsey the girl who used to go with your friend Capt. Leroy Monsky. Well, she is engaged to be married. She is all excited and called us up immediately to tell us all about it. She has to write Monk and tell him. You know she still corresponds with him and I think she promised to marry him after the war. Well, well, well, you never can tell these days, can you? All the people of Hattiesburg are excited as she will be the first Jewish girl to be married since the army camp has been here except Miriam Eiseman.

Gee, Harold, wish you were here, but I guess this war will be over soon and everything will be normal again. Anyway let's hope so. Well, this is all for now and please let me know if you can where you are.

All my love,

Ruth

P.S. Bertha & Sarah are fine and they said to tell you hello.

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Miss Ruth Yaffe
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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M 167th Infantry
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg,Miss.
4 May 1944

Dearest Harold:

It is now 15 minutes before quiting time so I thought I would drop you a line . I have gotten four V-Mail letters from you and so very glad to hear that everything is okeah with you.

Right after I came back from New York, the Colonel of the hospital issued a new rule which stated that all civilian employees had to work to 5:00 instead of 4:30. It nearly kills me too because by the time 4:00 O'clock comes around I am practically exhausted. I have already recuperated from my trip and am feeling fine now. My cold is almost well.

The office force is giving a party tonight and don't think I shall attend as I want to get all the rest I can. I have really been getting the V-mail letters lately. I have been corresponding with a boy for about two years now and just recently his outfit went overseas so heard from him the other day and he is in England. My brother is in Italy and writes that all is well with him.

Gosh, Harold, I wish I could get a good tan. Right now I am just as white as a ghost. The truth of the matter is that the weather is so changeable that I can't get out in the sun to tan. Oh well--

Just heard a cute joke. "A little bunny rabbit (Male) was running down the street and bumped into a female rabbit--Wham! Wham! "Thank you-Mamm". He ran along again bumped into another female rabbit and Wham! Wham! and said "Thank you Ma'm". He then skipped along the fields and bumped into a Male rabbit--Wham! Wham! and said "God-Damn."

It's almost time to go so had better close.

Love
Ruth

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M 167th Inf. 31st Div.
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

9 March 1944
Box 653

Dearest Harold;

Well, here I am again back to work. The reason I've haven't written is because I had been sick. No, I haven't received but one letter from you from the new address. I guess now that Calif. isnso far away I won't be hearing from you as often as I did. I'll try to put Air Mail stamps on all the letters (if I have that much money!) (Incidentally, I get the afternoon off this afternoon sb have to go into town to the Bank and to the income tax place. (Golly, I owe way up in the hundreds of dollars!) You ought to be glad you are in the army. At least, you won't have to worry about that. I don't care how much money you make these days but if you think you are making alot, you don't as the government takes everything away from you practically. (If they won't to, they can take me with it! That's how much I care).

What have you been doing. Can't wait til I hear from you. I just finished writing Lottie. Gee, she is certainly swell about corresponding. Hm! Must run in the family.

We are going to have company Sunday. A girl who is very much in love with my brother from Memphis, Tenn. is coming down here to meet us. I wonder what she looks like and if she meets with our approval. Harvey is overseas now and from what he had said about her, she is nice. (She had better be nice if she went with my brother!)

I really should be deserving a vacation some time soon. If I do get one I am going somewhere for a week and just relax and rest. I think I have been working too hard or something to put me in such a run-down condition. Maybe if I had you here I would be well. Who knows. But this war--stands in the way.

Oh yes, Harold, we finally moved into a very nice apartment, on Southern Aven. It is very convenient and right in town so that one load off of our mind! We are going to try to have a soldier a week to eat. (I hope I don't poison them with my cooking. That's why I have been sick, I ate something that disagreed with me.

Well, honey chile (you are a big one though), this is all the news. Try to write as often as you can.

all my love,
Ruth

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M 167th Infantry
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

15 May 1944
B ox 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dearest Harold:

I received two V-Mail letters from you yesterday one dated April 24 and the other April 27. I can't understand why you don't get my letters. I write on the average three times a week., AND more than that sometime. I believe I shall get some V-mail paper and maybe that kind of letter will get to you quicker.

I small gardenias everywhere. The reason; I have two in my hair and a bunch on my desk. Every year about this time around the office, we have flowers. I guess I shall always love flowers.

This office is a perfect morgue. One of the wives that work here has been crying all afternoon as her husband has his orders to go to a P.O.E. All the other girls are crying also. I guess I have watched dear ones and my friends go so much since I've been working in an army camp, I just don't cry anymore, just feel sorry for them.

I just wish my job wasn't so strict. Absolutely, I would take a trip to Birmingham to visit Lottie. After she visits me maybe I might can make some arrangements.

Next week is my younger sis birthday and I shall have to get her something. I really had a nice birthday party. Surely wished you could have been there. I blew out 21 candles. Hm! everytime I think of it, I am beginning feel old; so I don't dare think!

Well, take care of yourself. Don't know any cute jokes or nothin!

All my love,
Ruth

P.S. Will send you a couple of snapshots tomorrow. I am going to go by & get them now.

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M 167th Inf. 31st Div.
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.
15 Mar. 1944

Dearest Harold:

I haven't heard from you in about two weeks. I guess I'll just have to be patient as we haven't heard from my brother in about 8 weeks.

Life in our new apartment is simply grand. Everything is so clean and nice and we are all perfectly satisfied for once. No kidding, Harold, I actually enjoy staying at home most of the time. I wasn't feeling very well last week so I went to bed before 9:00 O'clock every night and really feel good again. Last night Sarah Lee and I decided to go down town (I am so used to saying downtown in New Orleans that I forget where I am, Hattiesburg, for a minute) and see what's what. Hardly a soul was in town. That goes to show you that things are not what they used to be and that practically all the outfits will be going over. I shall be glad when the war is over. I hope sometime this year.

Incidentally, honey chile, this is leap year. You had better not get hooked up with some native gal! (If they send you to the Hawaii Islands!) Oh yes, Cpl. Hopson is still around Medical Supply and he asked me if I still corresponded with you. I told him and he said that all the fellows in his old outfit were somewhere in the Hawaii Islands.

Now that work is going so well I think I am going to get out a couple of days. I was thinking about going to New York. I have a very nice invitation from a very nice person and then I have a couple of cousins there. But you really can't see N.Y. in just one week. I am just dying to go somewhere. A very good girlfriend of mine from Atlanta, Ga. wants me to go to Florida with her next month. She is more fun and I might do that instead of going to N.Y. Bertha might get her vacation and go with me.

Yes, all the 2nd Lts. of our office are gone and none is here but the Chief of Supply and all the girls. Civilians are really running things these days.

Harold, please take good care of yourself and remember I'll be thinking about you.

all my love,
Ruth

P.S. Sarah Lee and Bertha said hello.

Miss Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf. 31st Div.
A.P.O. 31-B c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mar. 21, 1944

Dearest Harold:

Golly, I haven't heard from you in about three weeks and am beginning to worry where you are. I also haven't heard from my brother and that is beginning to worry me also. I heard from Lottie the other day and she said that she was fine. She told me that she would surprise me some week-end and come to see me. Gee, I certainly hope so.

We went to Meridian to meet Mother Sunday and had such a pleasant time. Mother said she was feeling so good and gee! Harold, she looked better than I have ever seen her look in the last two years. She is staying in Meridian for a rest of two months and then she wants one of us to go to Hot Springs with her. Sarah Lee might get off and go with her. I just hope this old war would hurry up and end and maybe we can all be together again. That day I am really hoping and praying for.

Oh yes, on the Southerner coming home Sunday night I met a Captain Bomblasky (or something like that) from Savannah, Georgia. He said that I looked very much like a girl from Birmingham, a Jewish girl; In fact, the resemblance was so striking that he thought I was she. Can you imagine anyone looking like me! Anyway, I asked if he knew you and he did say that he knew a couple of Banks. Are you the only family in Tuscaloosa, or do you have other relatives? Incidentally, what is your brother's name. I couldn't think of his name, because I believe he was about his age.

It is so nice coming home from work these days. Our apartment is very nice and gives an inviting atmosphere.

There are no enlisted men in the office, now. There are 14 girls and two officers. It seems as if civilians will be running Camp Shelby before long. They are sending most of the boys overseas. Maybe before long you'll be coming home. However, I still say it's going to take mighty long to beat the Japs. Why, they believe it's wonderful to be killed in battle.

Well, honey, please try to write soon and let me know where you are.

all my love,
Ruth

The sisters say hello and take care of yourself. If I go to New York next month I'll tell you all about the trip. I just received a very nice letter from one of the

boy I used to work with who is attending Univ. of Chicago under the army who just came back from N.Y. He said that his mother was expecting me to call her. I also have a number of friends there.

Ruth Yoppe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.





Sgt. Harold Bank ASN 20416637
Co. "M" 167th Infantry
A.P.O. 31 - B % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg

Dearest Harold,

Today is the 3rd of April and still no word from you. Gee, it will be so nice to hear from you soon. I guess I had become so accustomed to getting letters from you so often that now when I don't receive any it isn't so nice.

Well, finally after waiting 8 weeks, we just received word from my younger brother and he stated he was somewhere in Italy. Boy, did we feel happy!

I have been very excited the past few days. My cousin asked me to come up to New York to visit them. I finally was able to get 10 days. Incidentally, a couple of fellows whom I know is going at the same time +

they promised to show me the city. Am I glad!

Lattie and I still haven't gotten together. She promised to come down to visit us. I guess she will in the near future.

Well, Lena Kelsey the girl whom Monsky liked is getting married in two weeks. She didn't wait for him. Well, I guess she really wanted to get married. All my friends are really getting married these days.

I am listening to the best dance band and I can just see myself dancing!

Well honey, please take care of yourself and remember that I am thinking of you even though we are far apart. Life in the past year has been like a dream that sometimes I want to forget. I can't wait til this war is over and things will be the same again.

Congress passed the tax bill

(luxury tax) and oh boy! there goes the money. All night clubs, train rides etc have gone up. I just know inflation is coming. Prices are tending to rise each day.

I certainly wish you were here. Everyone I know has gone but one or two fellows.

Please write if you can.

all my love,
Ruth

Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf.
A.P.O. 31-B % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1 May 1943

Dearest Harald,

I finally heard from you after such a prolonged time. Gee! I am so glad you are all right and conditions with you agree.

Well, here I am sick in bed again. Why! I just came back from New York. I had two whole weeks there with my cousins. I didn't know my cousin was so rich. They live on Park Avenue which is supposed to be very exclusive. Coming home on the Southern they put the air-condition on and as a result I obtained a terrific cold + sore throat. I am staying in bed all day tomorrow too. Yes, I had a wonderful time in New York. Everyone was swell to me and as a result I got to

see a couple of New York plays namely "Oklahoma" and "Carmen Jones"! I went to about six night clubs. However, I didn't particularly care for the night clubs. New York is a big city but I wouldn't like to live there. Incidentally I went out with a couple who went to University of Ala. and this fellow (I don't recall his name) said that he knew both you & your brother. He is a dentist in New York & was a Alabama in 1936.

Two boys whom I have been dating got their leaves the same time and they took me to the night clubs. I also have a young cousin 20 years old and he and I went out. So all in all

I had a swell time.

Oh yes, Lena Kelsey got married last week. You remember, Mousky's girl-friend. Well, she didn't wait for him very long did she. However, she married a swell boy, a Lt. in station complement. I had gone out with him a couple of times.

Gosh, life here in Hattiesburg is so dead compared to New York. So many of the 69th Div. boys have been transferred to all points of Embarkation. That's the way it is boys are here today & gone tomorrow. By the time you meet a nice boy he is ready to leave.

Harold you were a nice boy. You know what I mean. I am sure Lattie does. Incidentally, Lattie promised to come to see me after my trip. I have been dating for the past couple of months a very nice doctor and he said that he would help me find a Jewish boy for her when he comes.

Harold, I am so glad I heard from you. Surely missed those letters I used to get. Please forgive me for not writing for the past two weeks but while I was in New York I was too excited to write. Will try to write every day.

Love

Ruth

P.S. My sisters send regards

For a fast, complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Lt. Harold Bank
O. M. 167th Inf.
A.P.O. 31-B % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Miss Ruth Yaffe
(Sender's name)
Box 153
(Sender's address)
Vacaville, Calif.
May 1 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

I received a paper from you the other day from New Guinea. You really are swell about corresponding with me. It really is grand when I hear from you. I'll also hear from my brother who is in Italy about once a week.

I really have no news since I stayed in all week last and this week I haven't done a thing. However, Thursday May 11, is going to be an important day of my life. It will be 21 years old! Golly, I'll am really getting up in the world. I am giving a birthday party. All the boys whom I used to work with at the E.E.M.T. want to come over so I thought I would invite them on my birthday. Then a couple of my sister friends are coming over. Gosh, I wish you were here; then you would have been invited - but! Or are you too big for birthday parties! Only kidding.

I still keep dreaming about my trip to New York. Harold, I guess I had such a swell time and everything was so perfect. Another Jewish girl in this town is engaged to be married and everybody is talking about it. Well, keep writing and I'll keep it Heard from you this week. I don't want to write me.

Love

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Ruth
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Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M. 167th Engr.
A.P.O. 31-B % Postmaster
San Francisco

Box 653
Hattiesburg
12 May 44

Dearest Harold,

I had always wondered how it would feel when I reached my 21st birthday. Yesterday was my birth day and Behold the day was so beautiful and everything came out so swell. Haweven I don't feel a day older! Oh well - I guess I'll have plenty of time - Next week on the same day my sister will have hers. Mother had three children born in May.

Talk about getting a tan. I am. Every day at noon all the gals in the Office eat out doors and after eating we pull off our shoes and stretch out on

a G.I. blanket borrowed from across the street. I have been doing that for the past week and really beginning to tan. I guess I shall always love summer months better than winter months. Golly I hope I feel better than I have been.

I just received a nice letter from Lattie and she said she was coming to Hattiesburg sometime soon, I am going to fix her up with a tall young doctor. He's a good friend of the fellow I've been dating.

I took some pictures Sunday and just as soon as they are developed,

I shall send you a couple. I bought some new dresses in New York so I modeled the clothes for a friend of mine who helped pick out the dresses from a New York.

Tomorrow is Saturday and am I glad. I really put in a friend's work.

Well, write soon as I am so sleepy at the present moment, I can't keep my eyes open. So please forgive me for cutting this short.

Love
Ruth.

Ruth Yoffe
Box 615
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf.
A.P.O. 31-B % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
16 May 1944

Dearest Harold,

I can't understand why you don't get my letters. I write practically every day. Oh well, I guess the mail just doesn't get there. I hope I don't write for nothing. My brother who is in Italy seems to get our letters.

I just wrote Lottie just a moment ago in the office and sent her a couple of snapshots which I am sending you.

Gosh, I had such a tiring day in the office. There are a couple of investigators here this week and I had to spend the whole afternoon teaching a Lt. what I do. It seems as if I might be transferred to the front

of the hospital again. There is a great mix-up in my department. It might be in the line of a promotion. Gosh, wouldn't it be wonderful. I just received two telephone calls from girls in the office and they want me to tell them about the set-up. I couldn't talk as it is supposed to be confidential.

I am going to go over Lena's House. I haven't seen her since she got married.

Sarah Lee + Bertha send their regards.

Love
Ruth

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Miss Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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AIR MAIL

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Box 653
14 June 1944

Dearest Harold:

I received a letter from you dated May 26, and was so glad to hear from you. Harold, Lottie got me the nicest present from you. It was just what I needed. She got me the cutest red wallet. I had always wanted a nice wallet, (even though I don't have much money to put in it)

I just came back from a big bond rally. Every civilian employee is asked to buy three bonds this month to help the 5th War Loan. We just saw a picture of the actual war scenes in the battle of Tawara. Gosh, I hate to think of all those boys getting killed.

I am sitting here practically perspiring away. I am now working at the E.E.N.T. Clinic and like it fine. All the boys here in the office treat me swell. In fact, they really go out of their way to do things for us. There are six Jewish Optometrists and that makes it still better be-because I know I am still their famorite "Pin-Up" Girl as they call it.

A girlfriend of mine just came from Atlanta. She is visiting her sister for the summer so we had a long talk yesterday. Gosh, I shall have to start going out with some boys as she wants to meet some. I have been dating a doctor for the past few months but now he goes out in the field so often that he doesn't know anymne. Oh well--

Lottie still hasn't made up her mind whether she is going to come and see me. Golly, I wish she would as I would love to meet her. You know Harold this month makes a year that I have known you.

Well, this is all the news. Be good and take care of yourself.

Love,

Ruth

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold Bank
Co. M. 167 Inf.
A.P.O. 318 % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Miss Ruth Yaffe
(Sender's name)
Box 653
(Sender's address)
Hattiesburg, Miss.
8 August 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold,

I have received several letters from you and all were certainly appreciated. Really am glad you like mail and writing me. I enjoy it also. I suppose you are wondering why I haven't written. Well, as you state, I have just been too busy to write. So much has happened that I just don't know where to begin. But I will get back to the duties I have and start. Harold, this week a furlough future. I have been living for a year + half. My you can't realize. I mean + talk. Yes that is the most important task that is during my furlough. Really, I can't realize definitely during this week. I still can't realize definitely during this week. I still can't realize definitely during this week. I still

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Miss Ruth Yaffe
Box 653
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Sgt. Harold Bank, 20416637
Co. M 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Box 653
Hattiesburg,Miss.
May 29, 1944

Dear Harold:

I cannot understand why you haven't gotten any of my letters. Since I have gotten back from New York, I have written you on the average two or three times a week. I just received a letter from you dated 10th of May, and glad to hear that everything with you is okeak.

I also received a very long letter from Lottie. Harold, she surely is a sweet girl to be corresponding with someone she doesn't know. She sent me a very cute picture of herself but I have to send it back to her as that is the only one she has of that kind.

I have been having more fun lately--week-ends. For the past two week-ends a whole gang of us went down to Gulfport, went in swimming and danced at a place called Broadwater. I am getting brown as an Indian. I have been getting more invitations by officers wives and their husbands to eat dinner. Gosh, I am really meeting some nice yankees for a change.

There are a couple of my friends from Atlanta, Georgia coming to Hattiesburg and I am going to fix them up with dates. There are three girls coming. They usually come every summer to visit their aunt who lives here. Where there are more girls you can have much more fun in a crowd.

I can't wait til this war is over. Gosh, I guess it will still be a couple of more years. We haven't heard from my brother who is in Italy for the past two weeks. I hope he is all right.

I haven't been the the Jewish U.S.O. in ages. Since I have been going more with officers you don't have a chance to get down there. Oh yes, I have started teaching dancing once a week at the Front Street U.S.O. The director asked me to do something for the boys in the Service.

Well, take care of yourself, and let me hear from you soon. It really is amazing how I receive your letters so quickly.

Love,

Ruth

P.S. My sister says Hello

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S/Sgt. Sam H. Goldblatt
A.S.N. 34103988
400th Bomb Sqdn.,
A.P.O. 713 UNIT #1 c/o ~~Postmaster~~
~~San Francisco, California~~
U.S.A.A.F. - S.W.P.A.

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank
a s n — 20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf., A.P.O. 31-B

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A S N. 34103988
400 - 7TH Bomb Sqdn., 90 TH Bomb Gp.,
A.P.O. 713 c/o ~~Postmaster~~ UNIT #1,
~~San Francisco, California.~~

14 May, 1944.

Dear Harold,

Received your letter dated 30 April today and was indeed glad to hear from you again. Two of your other letters have been received but only a few days ago as I have been away from my outfit for several weeks. I have, up until a few days ago, been in the hospital with dengue fever. However, I am now back at my squadron and am feeling great.

Harold, you have no idea how much I would like to see you again after all of these four years. I have do

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~~San Francisco, California~~.

your best to bum a ride up here as I know that there are plenty of planes that come up here from where you are. Yes, I know exactly where you are located as I have been there myself numbers of times before. I suppose you will now agree with me when I say that this New Guinea will not compare with the worse part of dear old Alabama. Harold, I am doing my best to procure a ride down your way. and I am in hopes that it will be in the next few days.

"Jolly Roger"



T/Sgt. Sam H. Goldblatt
A S N. 34103988
Bomb Sqdn., Bomb Gp.,
A.P.O. c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Yes, I have heard from Mort only several weeks ago. Mort is now stationed with a 2. M. trucking outfit some - where in N. Africa. He wrote that he was getting along very nicely and that he rather liked his work over there. Don't you think that he was quite lucky to be stationed some - where in civilization in prefer - ence to be stationed out here in this God forsaken bush?

Hat buddy, the best of luck to you and let me hear from you upon receipt of this letter.

Your pal,
Sam

"Jolly Roger"

"Best damn heavy bomb. group in the world"

And no sh--!

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San Francisco, California.

10 August 1944.

Dear Harold,

Received your last letter more than two weeks ago and I really feel like a heel in not letting you hear from me long before now. However, quite a bit of water has passed under the bridge since I last saw you, which will partially, if not wholely, account for my tardiness. For the past few weeks I have been one busy boy due to reasons which you no doubt can guess.

Received a letter from Mort about two weeks ago and he is now back in N. Africa. At the time he wrote the

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letter he had not heard from you or I, so naturally, he did not know that we had met over here. Have you heard from him recently?

There really is plenty that I could write you if I was permitted to do so, but I suppose it will have to keep until my next letter.

Have you seen any more of Rosen and Herfel? Should you see them again, please tell them that I inquired about them.

Give my regards to all of your pals down that way. Don't fail to let me hear from you soon and I promise not to keep you waiting to hear from me next time.

Your pal, Sam

P.S. So sorry I couldn't get around to doing that favor for you.

Tech Sgt Sam H. Goldblatt
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"Netherlands East Indies"
27 December 1944.

Dear Harold,

Received your letter dated 27 Nov only a few days ago and was very happy to hear from you again. After not hearing from you for such a long time I was beginning to get worried about you as I knew that you had been in some rough action again.

I think I wrote you that Becky Shrlichi's brother, Jonas, is stationed very near me, in the 41st. Another good friend of mine, Robert Greenberg, is also stationed very close to me. The three of us get together quite often for some big times. Christmas Day we all received an ample amount of beer, so naturally we "pitched



JOLLY ROGERS

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a bitch".

No, I haven't gone home and as far as I know I won't be going home for a hell of a long time. This month ends our twenty-eighth month over here and we still have-n't sent the first man home. Don't think that my morale is getting so low but I am getting damn tired of this sort of life.

My present station really isn't such a bad set-up but it is the warmest place I have ever been in my life. No, I don't think that I will be see-ing you at your present location as I feel sure that when I move, it will be a bit further up the line. I feel quite sure that we will get together again before



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very long.

Harold, take good care of yourself and don't take any reckless chances. Don't fail to let me hear from you often and I will do my dammdest not to kep you waiting to hear from me.

Your pal,

Sam

P. S.

Ran into a fellow from Montgomery the other day who had seen Saul Rosen in a hospital down in New Guinea. Saul was wounded in action I understand but from what the fellow that saw him had to say, he is getting along fine now. Have you seen the Sterfel boy lately?. Should you see Sidney, give him my regards. Also give my regards to your friends, whom I met in your outfit.

Sam

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. HAROLD L. BANK-20716637
CO. M.- 167TH INF., APO-31
C/O POST MASTER
SAN FRANCISCO. CALIF.

From
PVT. SPIKE Louisiana 37th Div.
(Sender's name)
CO. "L"-289TH INF.-APO-91
(Sender's address)
CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.
JULY 12 - 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold,

I'm sorry that I haven't written you sooner. The reason is that I've been transferred from Benning and am now at Breckinridge in Old Kentucky.

You all I'm here to get basic training, well I went through a 4 weeks cycle I bet, but it broke up, and now I'm doing odd errands around the orderly room to keep me busy.

I'm not far from home now, and have taken off on week-ends to get there without any trouble. Have also been to Evansville, numerous times and also to Jeffersonville.

Bubbie is married now, and is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He is now a master Sgt. Lipsey is still down at Arkansas awaiting orders. By the way my cousin Del Knudsen you remember him married a glamour gal from Hollywood.

I'm going to see Ann Hartzman from Lincoln. She was a S.D.T. at Bama. Her dad is a colonel now and is stationed in China with the Chinese army. Well fellow keep in there pitching, and I'll the luck in the world. Hoping to hear from you soon. Fraternally, Spike

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1

Valeria Webb
4207-16th St. So
Arlington, Va

WASHINGTON, D.C.
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4207-16th St. South
Arlington, Virginia
25 February 1944

Hi Harold,

I lay myself down, pencil in hand, to typewrite yan a letter standing up. Pardon the pen and ink.

I don't live where I used to live before I moved where I live now.

When you come to see me, you can ask anyone where I live now because no one knows.

My Aunt Tillie who isn't really my aunt died, is doing nicely. Hope you are the same. Her health leaked out and the doctor gave up hope when she died.

My cousin has the mumps and is having a swell time. She is near death's door and we hope the doctor can pull her through.

I started to Camp Picket to see yan and saw a sign which said "This way to Camp Pickett." I got on the sign and sat there for three hours and the darn thing wouldn't move.

I mailed you a coat by express. I cut off the buttons to make it lighter. Yaill find them in the pockets. If you don't get this letter, let me know and I will mail it to you.

Our neighbor's baby swallowed some pins but they fed her a pin cushion and everything is OK now.

I would have sent you the five dollars I owe you with this, but I sealed the envelope before I thought of it.

So tilsater

Valeria

P.S. Why take life seriously? You never get out alive

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To Sgt Harold L. Bank
RA 35 655 37
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
% Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Valeria M. Webb
(Sender's name)
4207 16th St South
(Sender's address)
Arlington, Virginia
2 April 1944
(Date)

Hello Harold—

Howya doing? For your information I'm fine and needn't tell better.

I'm working today (Sunday) so have tried to catch up and my correspondence. Altho I don't owe you a letter. I believe you owe me this time! Right

It has just been beautiful here the last week I took Wednesday off and went hiking and bike riding. Was I stiff the next day. Brother you'll never know.

Say Harold if you can pick up some souvenirs I sure would like to have some from the South Pacific. That is correct isn't it?

Did you hear about the little boy who was sitting on the curb crying when an old man passed and ask him why he was crying. He said he was crying because he couldn't do what boy says he so the old man sat down and cried with him. Don't you think that's cute?

Will have to close for now, so be careful and don't do anything I wouldn't do. (And that doesn't give you a lot of leeway either.)

So till later!

Valeria

V ···- MAIL

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To Sgt Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co M, 167th Inf A.P.O. 31
% P.M. San Francisco
California

From Valeria M. Hall
(Sender's name)
4207 16th St South
(Sender's address)
Arlington, Virginia
17 April 1944
(Date)

Hi Harold,

Say you owe me about six letters. You haven't answered a one I've written. Have you been receiving them?

Was talking to Edna today and she received a letter from your sister. Said she hadn't heard from you either. I told Edna I had received one while you were enroute to California.

Have you heard the rumor about the Pentagon overseas? That General was wounded so they decided to send him back to the states. They tried to give him something to do that would please him. He went from one office to another and found out they didn't know what he were. Finally he moved his bed into the rest room. One day an officer came in and asked him why he moved his bed. He said this is the only place in the Pentagon where people know what they are coming for. Cute! Thought it would sort of give you a lift. Have a nice three day pass I had better save them.

What sort of life have you been leading since you arrived. Remember to letter yourself and take one for me too.

Just wanted to say hello and hope you are well. Write soon.

So till later!

Valeria

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To: Lt Harold L. Bank
Co M, 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B
% San Francisco
California

From: Valeria M. Webb
(Sender's name)
4203 16th St. South
(Sender's address)
Arlington Virginia
10 May (1944)
(Date)

Hello Harold,

Arrived back from home tonight and found a letter from you. Certainly glad to know that you arrived safely and enjoying the scenery.

I have written about six letters to you, but no answer. Have you been receiving them?

Harold it is just beautiful here. At nights I walk about three miles. oh I know you don't like to walk.

Was surprised to note what you could tell where you were. As a matter of fact, I had already found out. See, you can more unless I know about it also. So in the future remember that. (Mr. Censor) I have a problem — how can she do that to me)

Harold on the back of one of your old letters (Dated 10 Feb 44) you wrote C.M. R.L.H. I know what R.L.H. means but what does C.M. stand for) (Just a little country girl trying to get along, you know)

Glad to have heard from you and write again soon.

So till later!
Valeria

V ··· MAIL



Sgt Harold L. Bank
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Co M, 167th Inf. A. P.O. 31-B
c/o P. M. San Francisco
California

Valeria M. Webb
4207 - 16th St, South
Arlington, Virginia

S.M.R.L.H.

4207-16th Street South
Arlington, Virginia
13 May 1944

Hello There!

Enclosing a few jokes. Hope you like them.

Not in a writing mood today. Hope you are well and taking it easy.

So till later!

Valeria

Valeria M. Webb
4207-16th St. So.
Arlington, Va

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416655
Co M - 167th Inf. A. P.O. 31-I
% Postmaster, San Francisco,
California

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4207-16th St, South
Arlington, Virginia
28 May 1944

Hello Harold—

Howya doing ole top?

Say, I haven't heard from you in ages. Whats the trouble? Oh, is that so! Will have to see what can be done about it.

Heard two jokes this afternoon. Would you like to hear them? Hope I can remember them correctly—

The Treasury Department checked up on the sales of War Bonds and found that the folks down in the hills of Arkansas were not buying them. They sent a special representative down to work on the job. He approached the tumbled down shack, saw a man on the porch, and walked up and introduced himself.

"I'm from the Treasury Department sent down to sell War Bonds." "You've heard of War Bonds, haven't you?"

"Nope, can't say I have," answered the man.

"Well, maybe you've heard of Roosevelt?"

"Nope, never heard of him neither."

"Well, surely you've heard of Pearl Harbor?"

"Nope, never heard of her neither."

"You must have heard of Churchill, though?"

"Nope, don't know who the hell is neither."

"Good Heavens, man, you must know that the world is in a lot of trouble. You must have heard of that trouble?"

About this time a voice in the shack called out;

"What's going on?"

The man of the house replied: "There's some fellow here by the name of Roosevelt. Says he took Pearl Harbor up on Church Hill, got her into trouble and now the fool wants me to go his bond."

Think you could possibly stand to hear another. This one is about "Men".

Men are what women marry. They have two hands, two feet, and sometimes two wives, but never more than one dollar or one idea at a time. Like Turkish cigarettes, they are all made of the same material; the only difference is some are better disguised.

Generally speaking they may be divided into three classes: Husbands, Bachelors, and Widowers. Husbands are of three types; Prizes, Surprises, and Consolation Prizes. Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest forms of plastic art known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope, and charity— mostly charity.

It a psychological marvel that a small, tender, soft, violet-scented thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big awkward, stubby-chinned tobacco and bay rum-scented thing like a man.

boring isn't it —

If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death. If you don't you bore him to death. If you permit him to make love to you, he gets tire of you in the end. If you don't he gets tired of you in the beginning.

If you believe him in everything, you cease to interest him. If you argue with him, in everything, you cease to charm him. If you believe all he tells you, he thinks you are a fool. If you don't, he thinks you are a cynic.

If you wear bright colors, rouge, and startling hats, he hesitates to take you out. But if you wear a little brown beret and a tailored suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at women in gay colors, rouge, and startling hats.

If you join in the gaieties and approve of his drinking, he swears you are driving him to the devil. If you don't approve of his drinking and argue with him to give up his gaieties, he vows you are a shrew and "nice".

If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have a brain; if you are a modern, advanced, independent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly he longs for a bright mate. If you are brilliant and intellectual, he longs for a playmate.

Man is just a Worm in the dust. He comes along, wriggles around for awhile and finally some chicken gets him. (Boy I sure sweated over that one)

I am trying to listen to "Take It or Leave It". Frank Sinatra" is the guest. They slay me; about the build up he gets. He is singing "I'll Be Seeing You".

Well child as I am almost asleep will close for now, hoping to hear from you soon.

So till later!

Valeria

Valeria M. Webb
4207-16th St So.
Arlington, Va.

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Airmail

Sgt Harold L. Bank 20416637

c/o Postmaster, San Francisco,
California

4207-16th St South
Arlington, Virginia
6 June 1944

Hi Harold —

Gee, I just can't get over receiving such a long letter from you. It took me all of a second to read it. Never received such a long letter before. If you don't watch out son, I'm afraid you will upset yourself. Just take it easy for a while now. (I mean the one dated 20th of May) By the way, you forgot to sign your name.

Child, I'm just about scared pink. Thundering and lightning like nobodys business. Never seen so much rain in my life. (In case you're interested I'm writing this in bed with the sheet practically over my head) No wise cracks either.

Harold I just have to tell you this. I started on a diet today. (Laugh please) Certainly would like to lose about 10 lbs. Imagine that!

Guess June 6, 1944 will be a day that all of us will remember for a long time to come. Right?

About that black jack game you were in. None of that stuff. You'll see in the end. (Now listen to Mommie.)

You really should see the picture I have over my bed. "Evalution of a Wolf". From a 2nd Lt up to a Colonel. When he reaches the top, he certainly is licking his chops.

You're talking about going in swimming and drowning yourself in the ocean. What kind of stuff is that? You had better be careful cause Valeria won't be there to pull you out and I just know you wouldn't like that.

Slight pause while I dry dishes and write my Mother.

Back—

I'm cutting my hair and getting a permanent on Monday. (Do hope you approve) What difference does it

make anyway?

Edna called tonight and she says to drop her a line once in a life time.

Edna Cohen, 512 Rittenhouse St. N. W. Wash. D.C.

now please do this cause she will think I didnt tell you.

Say, I have three other friends that are in New Guiena also. Say we three really should get together and have a regular jam session over Valeria. (I'm asking you, would I be torn apart and I mean apart too.)

(Will I had to think of something to write)

Well ole top will have to sign off for this time. Remember to write, be careful and remember don't take any wooden nickels.

Bye now

Valeria

Valeria M. Webb
207-16th St. So.
Arlington, Va.

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Airmail

Sgt. Harold Bank, 20416632
Co M 167th Inf. A.P.O. 3
c/o PM, San Francisco
California

4207- 16th St, South
Arlington, Virginia
5 July 1944

Hello Harold —

Received a very short note from you the other day, so while I'm waiting for dinner will try and scribble a few lines.

My Lord I think I will melt (not because I'm sweet either) any minute now. Hot weather, brother you just don't know the half of it.

Had a very quiet 4th. Worked until about two and went to the movies "White Cliffs of Dover". Very good. It really got under my skin. Maybe I was in a sentimental mood or what have you, cause I sure let the raindrops fall. Something I very seldom do. Then last night, we attended the Bond Rally. Lot of celebrities and fireworks.

Harold I don't take a good picture, but promise the next ones I take will send you one. Wished I could send you the ones we have taken at The Statler Saturday night, but you couldn't appreciate them unless you had been there. (Webb was very much under the weather)

Getting seasick reading up and down.

Edna has been planning to go home (for good) for sometime. She's finally changed her mind, she's staying. (Mark that one up to Webb.)

Child Jim melting away to nothing. Jim actually so warm that I can hardly sit and write this letter.

Jim planning on taking a months leave soon. This child is going to do nothing but sleep either. I walk around with one eye shut as it is now.

I have a pretty good idea as to your exact location but will let you know more about it later.

Will close for this time.

"I'll Be Seeing You"

Valeria

Valerie Webb
4207-16th St So.
Arlington, Va

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Pvt Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf. A.P.O 3
% P M San Francisco
California

4207-16th St. South
Arlington, Virginia
26 July 1944

Hi Butch —

At last I'm at home enjoying a months rest. A much needed one I assure you. Laugh!

I shall have to start all over again when I get back to dear ole Washington.

As I am leading a very quiet and sober life these days, there's nothing to write about, but just wanted to say hello and hope you are well.

Haven't heard from you in sometime. Anything wrong?

Write soon.

So till later!

Valeria

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416687
Co M. 167th Inf. APO 81
% P.M. San Francisco
California

From Valeria M. Wahl
(Sender's name)
4207-16th St So
(Sender's address)
Arlington, Va
17 September 44
(Date)

Hi Ole Top.

How's tricks? Thats fine. As for me never felt better.

Left back in the game after three months of being nothing exciting. In the past two weeks I've made up for it if you get what I mean. However, I'm definetly on the wagon. Laugh — but nothing stronger than coke. I've caught up on my dancing, plays and etc.

Say did you ever receive the cigarettes I sent about three months ago. You never mentioned it. Hope you have by now and enjoyed them.

Football starts here the 22nd of October. Every year someone gives me a season ticket for my birthday. Hope I'm not let off this year.

The weather has been wonderful for the last day or so. Nice biking weather.

Saw Boston beat Washington last night 11 to 7. Also lost my wallet with $35 in it. However, I got it back today. Some honest people still left in the world.

Well Harold the space is short, will close for now. Write soon.

So till later!

Valeria

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NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Valeria Webb
4207 16th St. So.
Arlington, Va



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c/o P.M. San Francisco
California

4207 16th St, So.
Arlington, Virginia
24 September 1944

Hello Harold,

Received your letter dated 10 Sept 44 yesterday. Glad to hear from you.

Its the silliest man on the radio line ever heard. Crazy isn't a name for him. Im trying to write this and also listen to him, so if this letter comes and go's, just blame him.

Harold Im a pretty good reason to believe you are on Milaen Bay or near there. Right? Hope thats the correct spelling.

We have had terrific storms in Virginia the last week or so. Bridges washed out etc. Ruth was stranded in Lynchburg for a week.

Betcha' can't guess where I went dancing last night. Roosevelt

Tony Pastor is still there. Had a lot of fun. I went off the wagon last night. Im not bragging, but I drank everyone under the table. Sip of them. Didnt think I could after being on the wagon so long, but I did.

Edna decided not to go home. She has a new hair do, which I don't like. She's changing it today I hope. She has two Navy Lts. rooming with her now. (Female of course)

They are playing "Ill Be Home For Christmas". I think thats just beautiful. Wished all you boys could come home. It wont be long now though. (Don't mind me Harold cause I get sentimental when I hear certain songs.)

Say Harold, did you hear about the guy who walked up to a

a crowd and announced "I, too, can soar over skyscrapers like Superman. All you have to do is touch me in the right place. I thought I'd die laughing when I heard it.

All Glenn Miller's old numbers are being played by Martin Black. Strange how a number can bring back memories.

Well Harold, there isn't much more I can say so, I guess I'd better put these crow bars back where they belong. So don't fight, let me hear from you soon.

So till then,

Valeria

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To Sgt Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co M - 167th Inf. APO 31
c/o P.M. San Francisco
California

From Valerie Webb
(Sender's name)
4207 - 16th St So.
(Sender's address)
Arlington, Va.
20 October 1944
(Date)

Hello Harold -

Well Butch I haven't heard from you in quite sometime. Don't you think you are slipping (or maybe Jim Ede and Lebato slipping)

Some swell music coming in on the radio. Do you have a radio so you can tune in hard in the States?

Say Harold I mailed you a little Xmas box last Monday. Hope you can use the things. There really nothing much, but hope you enjoy them an awful lot. If by chance you receive it before Xmas, please don't open it until the 25th. (Understand)

We've had awful weather the past two weeks and to top it off, I've had a terrific cold. This Saturday night business of staying in doesn't suit Webb at all. She'll be glad to get out once again.

Well Harold guess I will have to close as space is getting short.

Write soon and be good. (As if you couldn't help it)

So long -
Valerie

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Valeria Webb
4207-16th St. So.
Arlington, Va

WASHINGTON, D.C.
NOV 13
6-PM
1944

Airmail

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co M, 167th Inf APO
% P.M. San Francisc

4207- 16th St South
Arlington, Virginia
11 November 1944

Hello Harold —

Thanks for the picture. I take it that you were holding a cocanut. Right.

Now that the election is over, its hard to find something to talk about. Election night I went to a party that lasted until the following day. More fun! Good thing I had planned to take the day off to start with. Did I take a teasing when I did come back to work. Brother!

The other day I had started you a letter and when the messenger came around to pick up the mail he took the letter. Hope someone had a good time reading it.

My boss just got promoted to a Major General yesterday. He's out celebrating this afternoon, so therefore I haven't a thing to do. Sure wished 5:00 pm would hurry up and come.

By the way, today is Armistice Day. Sure wished it was for W. W. II. Think you agree with me on that.

Edna was up this morning for a while. She said that she had received a letter from your sister and that she (your sister) had not heard from you in ~~quiet~~ quite sometime. I told Edna to tell her that I received a letter last week sometime and that you were OK. Also told her the place I think you are.

Just broke a darn finger nail. ——— ——— ——— ——— ———. Thats just what I said

Well Harold guess I had better end this letter and try and look as if I'm busy.

Don't let the natives spoil you to much.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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% P. M. San Francisco,
California

From Valerie Webb
(Sender's name)
4207-16th St. So.
(Sender's address)
Arlington, Va
26 November 44
(Date)

Hello Harold —

Just think a month from today Xmas will have come and gone. This year sure has passed quickly.

It's awfully cold out today. Haven't been out of this house all day. (Afraid I might freeze to death)

Had my foot operated on last Wed. The doctor has it taped so tight it's a wonder I can walk. No more dancing for a while. That hurts too! Cause I have to.

Are the natives still nice to you fellows? Guess they spoil you plenty. What a life?

Saw a very good movie last night. "Mrs. Parkington." Have you seen it? Saw a real funny one "Dough Girls." What a laugh I got out of it. Space is running low, guess I will have to close. So till later

Valerie

V-MAIL

Valeria Webb
4207- 16th St. So.
Arlington, Va.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
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10-PM
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Airmail

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co M, 167th Inf. APO 31,
c/o P. M. San Francisco
California

Harold you may think I'm kidding when I say this, but on my honor its the truth. I'm on the wagon for life this time. Didn't even have a drink during Xmas. About two weeks ago I was awfully sick. Thought I was going to die. (been better off) Couldn't keep a thing down for one solid week. Shaw cured me.

4207-16th St. South
Arlington, Virginia
31 December 1944

Hello Harold:

Thought I'd drop a line and wish you a Happy New Year. Hope you all will be back this time next year. We here are keeping our fingers crossed.

Had a nice Christmas but of course it would

Received your cartoon on Xmas day. Very funny. Reminds me of you. Ha!

Say, you said Irma was off on the location of your group and that your sister knew. Well I told Edna and she wrote your sister. So you see maybe I still know.

have been much merrier and bright if all you fellows were here.

Went home, but dead as ever. Nice just being at home though.

Kid you really should see the snow and ice here. Can hardly walk. I slide down the hill ever night.

Edna received a beautiful engagement ring from Dane. (for X-mas). Her father made it up. Beautiful!

Saw "Hollywood Canteen" the other night. Very good. Also "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo". Read the book about a year ago. Excellent.

Well Harold guess I'd better end now and I'll be seeing you.

Happy New Year!

Valeria

Valeria Webb
4207-16th St. So.
Arlington, Va.

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Sgt Harold L. Bank - 120416633
Co M - 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco,
California

4207-16th Street, South
Arlington, Virginia
9 March 1944

Hello Harold,

Received your letter several days ago; have been trying my best to answer it but I guess you know me by now.

Sorry to hear that you have left Pickett, but I guess everyone will be going sooner or later. Take care of yourself and be careful. Most of all let those foreign lassies alone. (I'm not preaching either.)

I'm not in such a good mood tonight and actually I'm lost for words. Can you imagine that?

My grandmother is leaving for New York within the next two weeks for a weeks visit. You can imagine what Valeria will do while she is gone. (While the cats away, the mice will play) Right!

My mother came up on Sunday after Virginia and stayed until Tuesday. Certainly was nice to have someone fix your breakfast in the mornings.

Saw a wonderful movie last night. "In Our Time". I thought it was ~~excellent~~. Could sit through it again. (Swab me with iodine and called me a casualty)

Harold never take life seriously. Remember it could always be worse. I've already reversed a room at Saint Elizabeth's. I made sure the walls and ceiling were padded so when I jump up and down I won't hurt myself.

Guess you are bored to tears with this so will close for now.

Write soon and be careful!

Until yesterday,

Valeria

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CENSORS STAMP

20416637
SGT HAROLD L. BANK
CO. M, 167th INF.
APO # 31, 40 POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

JUL 3 1944

CAPT. W. G. [illegible] BRAHAM
SENDERS NAME
1531 St. & M. Ry MOBILE (Ala)
SENDERS ADDRESS
APO #636 NEW YORK
2 JULY 1944
DATE

Dear Harold,

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Best regards & luck.

Fraternally
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Wilbur Schilberman

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SGT. HAROLD L. BANK, 20416637
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158[illegible] QM BA[illegible]E (AVN)
SENDERS ADDRESS
APO 636, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 8, 1944
DATE

Dear Harold,

Dive been going through my unanswered letters tonight and found you right at the top of the list. Hope that one more you will forgive the delay. Say, how did yours & mail come through without being censored? Dont they require it any more over there?

I am still in England and have no idea how long I will continue to be. My brother, Donald, seems to be taking care of the family in the combat zone for he has been in the fighting almost from the first. so far he is all right and of course we are hoping he stays that way.

I guess that you will have to go in to get Bert away from the Japs. Anyway Im glad that you are hearing from him and he still is OK.

Most of my time is being taken up presently as defense counsel on general courts-martial. Dive been on the court since last April and so am pretty used to it now.

I still have not seen across any of the old boys

Fraternally,
Wilbur

V···-MAIL

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CENSORS STAMP

SGT. HAROLD L. BANK
CO. M, 167th INF
APO # 31
CAMP PICKETT, VA

SENDERS NAME
SENDERS ADDRESS

1 MARCH 1944
DATE

Dear Harold,

Received your letter the other day and am answering before any more moss grows on it for I certainly don't want you having me on the carpet before you any more.

Say why don't you send me Goldberg's rank, ASN, and address so I can write to him and maybe contact him personally. You must think a postal office can do miracles of all I have to do is ask him what so and so is.

My brother is now at Camp Phillips, Kansas and still a captain. I don't guess he will ever get any higher due to T/O. I think that I also have reached my limit.

I just got out of bed yesterday after being in for almost a week due to cold and a bad throat. I must not be as tough as I used to be for the whole time as an enlisted man, my name was never even entered on the sick book.

Keep up your good work in writing.

Fraternally, William

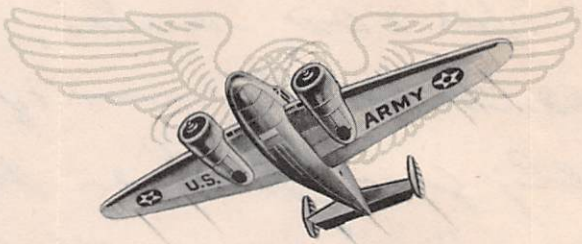
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Lehman Field
Monroe, La.

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Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M 167th Inf
Camp Shelby, Miss.



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

May 6, 1942.

Dear Hal,

Im sorry that I didnt answer your letter sooner, but Ive been as busy as hell. In addition, things have been happening fast & furious for the last week & Im still dizzy.

I certainly would be glad to see you Hal, if you are anyplace near where during maneuvers. If you are in town just ask the operator for the phone number of the 666 Navigation Training Sqdn. & you should be able to get me easily. There are many places to meet for the town isn't very large, & thus its impossible to miss anyone. I would say that the best place would be the Delta theater since its only a half a block from the main St, & is rarely crowded. How does that sound?

Im going to try & get a three day pass during the first two weeks in

– will you be able to make it then?

June — if Dix still here. The pass is only good for 200 miles, but I'm sure the M.P.'s won't bother me if I go further. I'll probably give Jackson this as my destination. Incidently Hal, you suggested taking the bus & meeting you at Meridian Miss. What OK with my bud in it the train faster? Will have to settle this later. Oh yes, when I get my ticket should it be a round trip to Tuscaloosa or Birmingham?

Nellie is still in Calif & is still a capt. It seems that promotions just aren't coming.

That's all for now. Be glad I write soon.

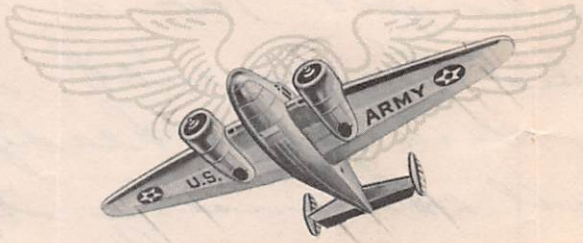
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666 AAFTS
Selman Field
Monroe, La.

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Cpl. Harold Bank
Co. M, 167 Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Tues.

Dear Hal,

Jim sorry that I was unable to answer your last letter, but believe me Hal I had a good reason. I finally managed to get a 15 day furlough & I almost ran home. I had a swell time in good old N.Y. & was certainly glad to find everyone well. The leave started off rather poorly for I was unable to see my girl during the first week. Unfortunately she was laid up with the measles, but as soon as she was on her feet again we made up for lost time.

Jim really sorry to learn that Ed Cooper is joining the army again. Apparently he doesn't know when he is well off. I guess I shouldn't talk for I remember how anxious I was to get in.

No Hal, I have received no promotions as yet tho I was recommended this month. It seems that orders came from headquarters canceling all advancements in the South East Air Corps. Thus I shall remain a Pvt for some time to come. As a matter of fact, because I'm a Pvt, I now have 7 days K.P. All Pvts get it & I'm no exception. I understand that there will be a big shake up soon so I may get something at that.

I certainly would enjoy getting a three day pass & visiting Birmingham with you Hal, but I'm afraid that will have to wait. First of all, I can't secure one just yet having just returned from a furlough. Secondly, I'm broke. However, maybe something can be arranged for the middle of May or the first of June. If so, where & how could I meet you?

That's all from here. Lots of luck & please write soon.

Sincerely
Buddy.

FROM

Pvt. Dibble

NAME — RANK

666 NTS

Selman Field

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Camp Shelby, Miss.

A Quickie NOTE

Dear Hal,

Did you receive my last letter as yet? I should hear from you sometime & I have begun to wonder. Say Hal, would it be possible for you to get home during the middle of June. I shall attempt to get a 3 day pass. Best of luck & write soon.

Dave.

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Fri.

FROM Pvt Dyal
666 QTS
Selman Field
Monroe, La.

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Got the pass & try to
leave the night before.
I think it best to come
to get to Ruma & then
call you up at the
station. Is that OK
with you. Please let
me know if you can.
Bud.

MONROE, LA.
JUN 5
5-PM
1943

To-

Cpl Harold Bunk
167 INF PERSONNEL SECTION
APO 31, U S ARMY
CAMP SHELBY, MISS.



Dear Hal,

I just received your letter & am rushing an answer before the mail goes out for the week end.

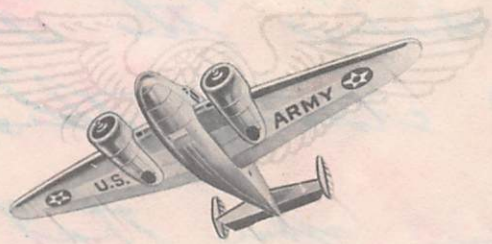
I can get a pass anytime between the 13 TO the 21. That is I can leave any day. If I don't hear from you I shall leave for Tuscaloosa on the 15. As yet I don't know when if I'll take the bus or train. I shall

Pvt. Harold Bank
666 MTS
Selman Field
Monroe, La.

Free



Cpl. Harold Bank
ASN 2641 6632
167 Inf. Personnel Section
APO 31 c/o Postmaster.
Shreveport, La.



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Sunday.

Dear Chick,

Din just received your letter & fully realize how busy you must be. From all reports maneuvers are no cinch & gets pretty boring at times.

Say Chick, have you ever heard from that gal we picked up on the bus - Wyoline I believe? After we left you what a time I had during the entire night from Meridian to Monroe. The little doll wanted to play & I was not in the mood for refusing. All I can add is that Din sorry there was no bed & Din not kidding. She was some babe.

I was in Biloxi about a week ago but unfortunately I couldn't land. The plane took me to Craig field in Selma but from there we returned immediately. Was a good trip the

Please pardon this page Chuck, I didn't realize the condition it was in when I started this epistle.

Sending you that card proved to be a good gamble. As you know, one of my first brothers was stationed at Shelby & was sent to Thurmond on maneuvers. Hence I figured you were there also.

I haven't heard from Lattie or Aunt Bess in some time. Apparently they are pretty busy. Aunt Bess daughter is now in Modesto, at least Flavia writes.

Well Chuck, that's all for now. Be good & write soon.

Buddy.



BONDS AND STAMPS

Corporal Harold Bank
Co. "M", 167th Infantry (R)
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

1901 - 4½ Ave. So.

~~Mrs. J. D. Cooper~~
~~915 South 40th Street~~
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. J. D. Cooper
915 South 40th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Mon. nite

Dearest Harold,

Did you go home last week-end? I'm so sorry I missed you, really I am - I had a lot of fun here - was supposed to have a date with Joe Sat. nite but he couldn't get off so I talked to him Sunday and I blessed him out. You see, he stood me up, in other words - He had to work so I spoke very mean to him and he didn't call me today - oh, I should worry but he's really cute - He's only 35 years old -

I'm enclosing the pictures - 75¢ please! You don't think much of yourself, do you?

There's no news here - I had a wonderful time last week-end - met a lot of cute boys - we all had dinner at the Molton last night and it was fun -

I've lost about 12 pounds - How many have you lost? I'm still trying to lose more - Mother said you lost five pounds - so that right?

I'm at Aunt Bessie's tonight Jimmie had an operation on his stomach and is in a hospital at Casablanca -

I haven't written Bert this week but I will - Harold, I'm surprised you never write him - I think you're terrible -

Well, gotta close now so write and when are you going on maneuvers?

Love,

Lottie

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Corporal Harold L. Bank, 20416637,
167th Infantry, Personnel Section,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster, U.S. Army,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Address -
Birmingham 3

Wed. nite

Dearest Harold,

Received your letter and the pictures of that girl - She surely is cute - I'll take them home this week - end and show them to Mother and daddy -

Harold, guess who I got a card from the other day? Nat Reinfeld - Send me his address and I'll write him - Is it the same as yours? He said he sees you when he takes the newspaper to you - Let me know his address, hear?

I sent you some cookies

yesterday. Let me know if you got them because they weren't insured.

Harold, I'm so surprised that you all people, should want me to send you schnapps. I'm dumbfounded. Incidentally I've been wanting to tell you this for a long time. A few months ago did you tell a boy to call me from Shelby to tell me to buy a bottle and send to you? I thought the fool wanted it for himself. Let me know about

this, please?

Harold, please send me right away that girl's name and address that you correspond with in N.Y. You know, the one you have a picture of - Now, send it to me before next Sat. because that's when we leave - Do you know anyone else I can call? If so, please inform me - Now, Harold, don't forget to do this, please - I already have some other people

to call, too -

Guess what I received today - A large 8 X 10 colored picture of Joe, the soldier I've been going with - He's at Esler Field, La., near Alexandria - Are you far from there? Mother is angry because I go with him because he has been married - He surely is a nice guy, though - Don't tell Mother I have the picture - Now, he wants one of me but I'm not

going to have one made -
I'll have one of my small
ones enlarged -

Have you written
to Bert lately?

Incidentally, did you
ever receive those jokes
I cut out of a magazine
and sent you? You never
did say anything about
them - Let me know -

I'm going home this
week-end - I haven't seen
daddy - I'm enclosing a
letter I got from him

yesterday in poetry form -

Did you ever get that letter I sent you that I got from the Censorship dept.? If you did, why didn't you let me know?

When you answer this letter please answer everything I asked you -

It surely is cool here tonite - It's just like fall.

Maxine is leaving Aug. 15 for Washington - that's where her husband is -

Well, I guess there is no more news here to write me and answer everything - Love & kisses

Lottie

9010 - 150th St
Jamaica
c/o L. Bla[illegible]

JAMAICA, N.Y.
AUG 15
10-PM
1943



Aunt Ad

Corporal Harold Banks
20416637
167th Infantry, Personnel Section
APO 31, c/o Postmaster
U.S. Army
Shreveport, La.

Mother is feeling fine and is really having a nice rest.

There's no more news so write and be good

Love,

Lottie

Saturday

Dearest Harold,

What in the world is wrong with you, boy? We haven't heard from you and you were supposed to go home last week and you never showed up.

I'm in Jamaica now and it's much nicer than Huntington.

Yesterday I went to town and I saw Rhoda, Beverly's old roommate then I went to see "Best Foot Forward" and at three o'clock I met Nomi at the Astor Hotel and, is she cute!! She's a brunette and weighs about 118 and sweet as she can be. Harold, she's just your type and you surely would like her. I might see her again

next week - She had an operation on her nose and she has been off from work three weeks. She said she wrote you a letter the same day I called her - She's going back to work Monday - I surely would like for you to meet her - She has a brother at Toccoa, Ga. He's a Lieutenant - I didn't meet her sister but I saw a picture of her and they don't look at all alike -

I was supposed to have a date tonite but he couldn't make it so I haven't got one - darn it -

I spoke to Babs Weingarten and I've got to call her again - She asked about you - Aren't you flattered?

N.Y. is really some

place but I don't think I'd like to live here - I get dizzy as heck from so many people -

I'm going to Washington either Thursday or Friday and then I'm going home from there - I was supposed to go to Washington for this week-end but Mother talked me out of it -

I called a fellow today that I knew when I was in N.Y. before but he's in the Army in Calif. but he was stationed at Shelby a year - He's in the 339th Infantry - His name is Stu Michaels - Did you know him?

Harold, why haven't you written? Mother is worried about you - and daddy wrote he hasn't heard from you -

9010 - 150th St.
Jamaica, L.I.
c/o L. Block

JAMAICA, N.Y.
AUG 18
4:30 PM
1943



Corporal Harold Bauh
20416637,
167th Infantry, Personnel Section
c/o [illegible] ster
La.

Forward

going to Texas? Do you know what part you're going to? We're at Jeanette's now and Mother hasn't stopped talking yet. It's a wonder she doesn't ever get tired from talking - Boy, she never quits-

Well, I guess there's no more news so be good and write Mother often to Huntington -

Jeanette and Mother said hello —

Love,

Lottie

Wed.

Dearest Harold,

I guess by now you heard the good news from Daddy about Bert - I can hardly wait until the letter from Bert comes. Daddy called Mother Monday nite to tell her about it and she got so excited she got a headache and I almost passed out when I found out about it - Mother and I are going to N.Y. today and send Bert a box - I hope we won't have any trouble -

Well, I'll probably leave tomorrow or Friday for Washington and from there I'll go on home -

Oh, I've got to call Naomi today and tell her goodbye - She really is cute, Harold - I wish you

could meet her -

I saw "Stage Door Canteen" yesterday and Phil Spitalny and his all girl orchestra were on the stage - You've heard of him haven't you? And Evelyn and her magic violin was with him - Mother went with me and we got in at 5:15 in the middle of the picture and when the picture was over Mother was ready to go but after paying 99¢ I was going to see it all - so we got out at 8:30 and went to McGinnis to eat and our dinner cost us $2.00 but Mother really enjoyed it - Boy, N.Y. isn't what it used to be - It's blacked out at night - I'm telling you you can hardly walk

down the street there are so many people -

I saw "Let's Face It" with Betty Hutton and Bob Hope and Benny Goodman on the stage -

I also saw "Heaven Can Wait" with Don Ameche and Gene Tierney - Veloz and Yolanda, Jerry Colonna, and Ilona Massey were on the stage - It surely was good - I want to see "This Is the Army" but don't know if I will - I'd really like to see some stage shows but I don't guess I will -

Mother is fine and looks grand - She's a different person since Daddy called her about Bert -

When are you coming home and when are you

901 - 4th Ave. So.
Bham 3, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM
AUG 26
11 AM
1943
ALA.

Corporal Harold Bank
20416637,
167th Infantry, Personnel
Section,
APO 31 — c/o Postmaster,
U.S. Army
Shreveport, La.

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Been seeing a lot of DD boys in town but not you -

Write me and be good - I'm enclosing your pictures - She's cute -

Love,

Lottie

Thursday

Dearest Harold,

Well, I'm back - I went to Washington Friday afternoon and left Sunday nite at 12 o'clock - Arrived in Blum Monday nite at 11 o'clock and boy, was I tired!

It surely is hot here - Called Jennie and K. McCoy in Washington + I went out to see Madine - She's there now with her husband - Guess what - Bro is on his way to Washington to marry that girl he's been going with -

Did you get a jar of nuts I sent you? We also sent you some cookies - did you get them? Well,

write me and thank me for them -

Mother is fine and looks wonderful - She's really having a nice rest - I got her a reservation for Sept. 22 - the only one I could get -

Did you hear about Morris Applebaum? He was killed in a plane crash in Hawaii two weeks ago - Isn't that terrible?

Saw "Stage Door Canteen" and took Mother to see it -

There's no news here - I wanted to stay in N.Y. so bad - I surely did have a good time - I saw so many shows - Harold, I surely do wish you could meet Naomi - She's adorable and just your type -

I like her better than any girl you've ever known -

We're on pins and needles waiting to hear from Bert - They heard from that Alaskan boy - Did you know it? I can't understand why it takes so long to hear from Bert -

I'm going home this week-end to see Daddy - When are you coming home? Where are you going next? Let me know -

I took Mother to town and we sent a box to Bert - We sent some underwear and 1 chilly, razor & blades, tooth powder & brush and food - Hope he gets it -

Well, there's no news

Mrs. Mary
Tuscaloosa
Ala



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold [illegible] Mann
20414437. 167th
Section apo. 31.
[illegible] U.S.
Army

Shreveport La.

My Dear Mary
What's the matter we
don't hear from you
Like we used to. I went
to Memphis last Tuesday
nite and when I got
off the train I ran
in to Harry Libsy. I think
that's his name the Lame
Fellow you that stays
in Chicago a while. I
he knows quite a few
Lansing Folkes. He
said to tell you Hello.
I spent $50 there it
no use to be Broke.
Mother is as usual
and Getting Ready for
her trip to Little
no news. Guess this
will be all but Keep
(house) is going good.
Love Dad.

COUNTER CHECK

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Sam Rains
Tuscaloosa
Ala



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Capl. Harold Rains

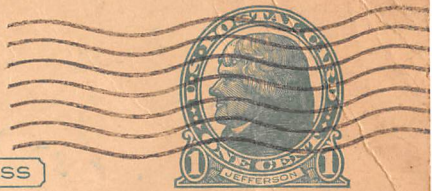
Hey Dear Boy To Hard you can't
come Home Fry. if it is Just for
4 Days Mother and Lottie are
Doing very Nicely Did you hear from
Them Yet.

Well it would look
for the last 2 days and
it is wonderful to be
able to sleep again
Did you hear about
Morris Applehaum
he crashed in a plane
and got killed!
Last Monday!
When are you leaving
for Tex. about the
trip to Chicago. I
o where you should
not anticipate a trip
to Chi for Reasons. First
Name is the Place to
Spend a Furlough. Second
The Money is to be
considered by Days This
Made none! Love Ray

Clem Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
APR 8
7-PM
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Corp. Harold Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf
Camp Shelby
Miss

My Dear Boy
I Just Got a Call
From The X. N. Bank
That They Made a Loan
For $1,000 and you only
Made $200. What you
Want To Do about it
What Shall I Do
The Trouble
Have you been Playing
W. D. Let me Know
By Return Mail
Every one here is
O.K. are you coming
next Sunday I Had
a nice Lamb Leg
and Having it Back. Yes
Lots of Love

Sam Bauer
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
MAR 31
4:30 PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Corp. Harold Bauer
Co. M. 167th Inf
Camp. Shelby
Miss

My Dear Ray
I am Glad you had
a Good Time at
the A.D.P. We Glad when
you came Home
Saturday. Be Shure
and Get me a quart
Shrops. Do you know
Lee Leroy Mounts
he is a Capt. now
Mother is in Birmingham
This week Be Back!
So Write to Bert!
Be Shure and Do it
Kikis adress. Ft Bob
Epstein 810 Mulberry
Write them (Macon Ga)

Business is as usual
Sunday nite at Rigsby
only 2040 I am getting
Rich! No news. Hope to See
you Saturday Love Pap.

Sam Brandt
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
MAY 31
1-PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Headquarters
Service Co 167th
Company Clerk

Corp. Harold Brandt
~~Co. No.~~ 167th, inf. opo 31 U.S. army
Camp Shelby
Miss

Monday

My Dear Ray

Well Mother went to Brigham yesterday for a week and it is going to be lonesome! Let me know if you got my check I sent it Thursday morning. Times is bad now so Nat! No news here I am trying to make arrangements so I can go to Chicago next month Have about $26 cash a.10 Day furlough so you can stay in the store I got to see a Dr. there and Mother can't stay for help! Let me know if you want a box and when

Love from all

Dad

Lawrence Baird
Tuscaloosa
Ala

Personal Letter

Service Company 167th
6/4/43 nat

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Corp. Harold L. Baird
Co. M. 167th Inf.
A.P.O. 31. U.S. Army
Camp Shelby Miss

My Dear Gay
I did not hear from
you yesterday!
I'm sorry! Things are
very lonesome all
alone went to the
city. Last night but
did not do any good
Business is B. K.
Rubber Brandon is
talking about going
to let you loose
he owes me & for
cattle with his farm
I think Dr Bartlow
will have a good
customer Rusty Love
if he keeps on going
to the farm! Let me
know how you
doing on the Gulf!
Love Dad

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUN 2
1-PM
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

U.S. POSTAGE
1 CENT
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JEFFERSON

Corp Harold L. Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf Opn. 31st Div.
Camp Shelby
Miss

My Dear Boy
Just Let you Know
That Every Thing is
as usual Rizity
came Home Yester
day and called me
up. To Ask Leppers wife
Him his wife is in
New York getts a Letter
Leppers and Simon
Raymond came over
and when I quit at
1130 P.M. I Had 50 90/100
for my ~~Trouble~~ Trouble
So Thats The way
what would I do
Widout Rizits. Hop you
or not working To
Hard mother & Ethel
& Bigham. Love
Dad.

Dear Bunk
First class
Ltr

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUN 5
12 — M
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Corp. Harold L. Bauer
Co. M. 167th Inf Apo 31
U.S. Army
Camp Shelby
Miss

My Dear Boy
at Last I did hear
from you
and it is very Hot
here To. Dan Mc
Kenzie Left This
Morning for Cal.
he found the Nigger
matter is still in
Topham I saw Oliver
that is Nate co. I
owe you so much trouble
financial but one
thing that if you dont
me alone I will be well
bother you about money
after all you or N.Y. and
I feel Like I dont give
you any thing but Love
so dont Get Hot Tell

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

THE ARMY STORE

411 GREENSBORO AVENUE

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUN 7
10-AM
1943

Corp. Harold L. Bank

167th Personnel Section

APO. 31 U.S. Army

Camp Shelby Miss

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

Monday

My Dear Boy

Received your Letters and Glad To hear From you I went To Birmingham yesterday and Got mother To Come Back with me! Buddy Cooper was There with Ruth he is Leaving For The army next Friday Emanuel Stein was There To and we Had a Goat To Fine meare Bull Shot yesterday. Them Bullets in Tunisia! Esador Rizits Just Got Back From Tunisia with 4000 German Prisoners and Had a Wanderful Trip hes Going Back This week! no news We are Looking For you This week End! mother is Feelin Better Bruno is B.K. now It is To Hot So Good Luck and Take Care of your Self! Write Soon

Love Dad

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala



Camp. Harold L. Bank
167th inf Personal Section
apo 31 U.S. army
Camp Shelby Miss.

My Dear Mary.
Just got your Letter and
Glad To hear That Every
thing is O.K. Lottie Have
not heard from you
in 2 weeks. I will Send
you a Box Tomorrow
Had a meeting Last Nite
and Got Paid 62.50 Karlye
nek and L. Raymond Paid
off! So No mail I am
Expecting To Go To Cby
The End of This week
I Haven't heard from Aunt
Stella in 1½ Months
Lottie will Stay With
Mother while I am away
are you Still in The office
Let me Know Business
is not So Hot now
it will be Better all
Summer. Love. Dad

Sam Bass
Tuscaloosa
ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUN 12
1-PM
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Cpl. Harold L. Bass
167th Inf. Personnel Section
apo. 31. U.S. army
Camp Shelby Miss

My Dear Ray

Mother is not feeling so good and it were so hot that I were afraid to send a chicken so well wait until you come home.

no news here every thing is as usual Business took a drop.

but it is only temporary and as long as I can not keep track by my b---- ---

so will close hope and look forward of seeing you the 5th Bring some Cigarets! and Watermelons! Lottie have not heard from you yet Wats Wrong. no Paper!

Love Pap. "

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUL 22
1 - PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl Harold L. Bank
20416637. apo. 31. U.S. army
167th inf. Personnel Section
c/o P.M. Shreveport La.

My Dear Boy

To hear that you liked the chicken was fine Boy! That you don't work hard is good. To hear! I always that you could not hear! = Mother is sending you new years on the 7th of august. Darling! Why don't you come, and tell her good by, We are going to send you a box soon! I hope you can eat it, and enjoy the most. I have no news to tell Hope when you get this card you will. Be well! Hard is this Poetry from Rob. I do hope you don't think it is a flash. Dad

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
JUL 26
330 PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
20446637
167th Inf. Personnel Section apo 31
c/o Postmaster. Shreveport
La.

My Dear Boy
just Got your Letter
and Glad To hear From
you & Was Surprised
& Did not find a Check
in it well Mother Got
Tickets For N.Y. Leaving
on The 7th of August
you Think youll be
able To Come Home
Hab The Rest Business
Last Week. Sales 385.10
- 135.00 / 36.20 Total
Eureka. Not Bad. Eh!
it is very Hot now
& Cant Sleep Nites!
& Wish & Could Go To N.Y.
& am Sending you a
Box Tomorrow! & Hope
you Get it! How did
you Like my Pastry
Love. Pop. !=

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Bham. 3, Ala.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Corporal Harold Bank
20416637
167th Infantry, Personnel Section
APO 31 — c/o Postmaster, U.S. Army
Shreveport, La.

Dearest Harold Tuesday

Did you receive the box of Cookies I sent you? How were they? I hope you liked them - Mother said she sent you a chicken - Well, we're leaving Sat. Aug. 7 and I went home last week-end to tell Daddy goodbye and help Mother get her clothes straight - She got two new dresses and she surely has plenty clothes - I have, too, but still want you to send me that girls name and address in N.Y. you copied and with so much it [illegible] and send any-one else's - Did you know J. Hemmark was engaged to some Frankel girl? Well, gotta go now so write us at Aunt [illegible] - Love Esther

Sam Bauer
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 4
12 — M
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl Harold L. Bauer
20416637. 167th inf. Personnel
Section apo 31. c/o Postmaster
U. S. army

Shreveport La.

My Dear Boy
Just Got your Letter
and Glad to hear
from you Mother
is Leaving Saturday Mary
but you boys Come on
and Bring your Friend
we Have Plenty Room
Every thing is as
usual Business Should
up a Little it have
been So Hot. How Long
are you Going to
Stay in L.A.
Wese it is Going to be
very Lonesom for
me. The next 4 or 5 Days
How about Getting a
Furlogh for that Time
and Stay with me. Love Pop

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 9
7-PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Capt. Harold L. Bank
20416637. 167 Inf. Personnel Section
apo. 31 c/o Postmaster U.S. Army
Shreveport La.

My Dear Boys. I got
your Letter That Ware
Leaving Laune Saturday
Nite at Lunday, and
Looked for you and you
did not Show up So
I am Worried Sick not
Knowing What Happened
you Could of Wired me
I Got a Telegram Today
from mom Said
They Had a Nice trip
Every Thing is agreed
only it is very Lonesom
I wish you Could Come
Home. Burns is O.K.
Had a Big one Saturday
Surprise. I Write Soon
Lots Pop. Write
matter

Lan Bank
Envelope
ale

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 11
1-PM
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Cpl Harold L. Bank
20416637. 107th inf Personnel
apo. 31. % Postmaster Section
U.S. army
Shreveport. La.

My dear Corporal
Why Gayon wasn't me
so much you wrote
me your coming in
By Carr. and you
didn't. you can't
drop me a line
so what's the matter
Let me know
well mother + Lottie
made the trip very
nicely. I hope they
will have a good time
Reuben is walking up
very good it is very
hot and I am very
lonesome so stop and
come. for a while.

Love. Ralph.

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 13
6-PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Capt. Harold Bank
20716637, 167th Inf. Personnel Section
Apo. 31. c/o Postmaster U.S. army
Shreveport La.

My dear Ray I just
got your Letter and Glad
to Knaw why you not
coming! Hurt Time
Wire then. Well Every
Thing is as usual Very
Lonesome Had one
meal at Kartzinel So
Farr! Rizity is mad
at me. So I dont Know
he will ask me for
a meal! Business is O.K.
I Spent all my money
for Nuts. So I am Broke
now So you Get The Train
next Week! Mother is
Having a Good Time
and Rest but Latter
Says She Wont Stop
Farcing Yet. I Called Them
Wednesday Nite and Mother
heard & not Talk To me.
She Was Shicker! Lots
Rep.

Dear Band
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 16
8 30 PM
1943

U.S. POSTAGE
1 CENT
JEFFERSON

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold L. Band
20416637. 167th inf Personnel Section
apo. 31. c/o Postmaster U.S. Army
Shreveport, La.

My Dear Kay
I Just Got a Letter
From The War Dept
With instructions how
we Can Send Bert
Boxes So I Send it
To mother So She
Can Send it From
N.J. I am Going to
Call her To nite
Did you Hear From
her. Did you write
her! Every Thing is
as usual and very
Hot! Business is Fare
I am all Right but
on account of the
heat Lade Pop!

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
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TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

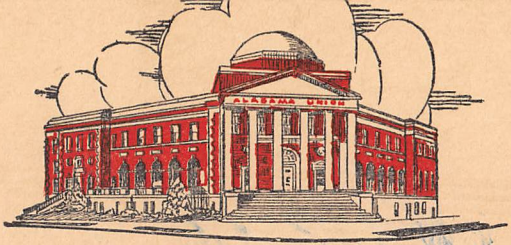
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Capt Harold L. Bauk
20416637. 167th Inf Remount Sec
APO 31. c/o Postmaster
Shreveport, La.



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Denny Chimes

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Harold [illegible] Bank

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University, Ala. *Further Details Later.*

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Ala

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ONE CENT
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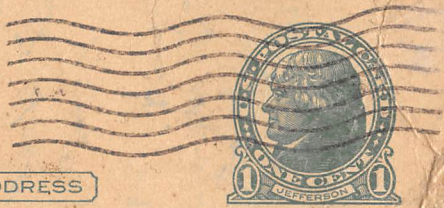
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Cpl. Harold Rauch
20416437. 167. inf Personnel Section
APO. 31. c/o Postmaster U.S. army
Shreveport La.

Hey Dear Ray Just
Got your Letter and
Glad to hear from ya
I hear from Mother
often She Tells me
she be Glad To Take
your Check. For a Rene
Wal. I am Glare!
Business is Faire
it is Some Cooler Now
Did you See about (
Mavis Applebaum
in the News. Stanley
Lehman is at
Harvard University
for 18 months. Hard
is That. Smart Ray
Yes! Well This is
Saturday and I Made
no Hell. So be Good
Love Pop.

Sam Rauch
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA ALA
AUG 23
330 PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold Rauch
20416437. 167th inf Personnel Section
apo. 31. c/o Postmaster U.S. Army
Shreveport La.

My Dear Boy
Just Got your letter
and am sorry you
Want be able To Come
Home. So many Boys
Do. Why! are you
Trying To Take
up. So you Can Go
To Chicago! If So
it is not right!
Every Thing is as usual
here. and very Lone
Some. Did you Send
Lottie a Check for 20.00
or 10.00 So She Can Have
a Good Time! I Send
her 50.00 I Dont Think
you ever Think of Such
Things! Yes! Love
Pop

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 24
12 – M
1943

POSTAGE STAMPED
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1 JEFFERSON 1

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl Harold L. Bank
20416637. 167th inf Personnel Section
apo. 31. c/o Postmaster n. o. army
Shreveport, La.

My Dear Ray
The Large Letter I Got
This Morning Those That
Mean That You Being
Shipd across. I Pray
no! If So, you Must
Come To See us!
I Can Write you My
The Red X If Necessary
Every Thing is O.K. only
it is Not again Rose
Buckenheimer Joan
Atlanta. Hopd. To Get
Nice Just Now She
is Driving To Get To
See her Boy. Get his
Wings. you Remember
Ivy. Mathews Cousin
Please Let me Know
at once If I am Rite.
about Letter. Love Ray

Stan Rauch
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 26
630 PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Capt. Harold L. Rauch
20416637. 167 inf Regmnt Section
apo. 31. U.S. army c/o Postmaster
Shreveport La.

My Dear Boy
Just had a Long
Talk with your Dear
Parents he stopped in
the Front of the Store
and he Recognized
me! he said that he
is going to Virginia
I also Talked to
the Boy hes adopted
and he said the
same Thing
Well Lottie Call her up
Tuesday nite She is
Back and Had a Wonder-
ful Time! Every
Thing here is O.K. Had
a Letter yesterday
for $13.00 Let me know
where your Sister Lives
Love Papa, but you

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
AUG 30
1 - PM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cpl. Harold. Bank
20416437. Co. No. 167th Inf
Camp Picket Va

My Dear Ray.

I Just Sat your Letter and Glad To hear your in D.A. I know it will be impossible For mother To make any Steps! So you Better make arrangements To meet mother in Washington! I am Writing Lottie To send you all The addresses you want. and The Tel. Book in Washington will Help. a Lot I am sure I Just Had a argument and it was Nuf Enough She wants To Rase The Rent. no rents. Lo Take care of your Self. Love Pop.

Sam Rains
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA ALA.
AUG 30
1-PM
1943

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Cpl H. L. Rains 20416637.
Co. Mn. 167. Inf. apo 31.
Camp Rucker
Ala.

My Dear Ray
I Dreamd Sunday Nite
That you no are in Town
and Did not Come
Home to See me. is
That Rite! Well Lattie
came Home Saturday
and Left Sunday.
Now Did you Make
The Trip! you Shall
Get off for a Week
and Go To See Mother
Now about it. Every
Thing is O.K. Business
is Good but I am
all Worked out I Wish
I Could Get away
for a Week and Take
a Rest I Sure needs
Sarah Richy Had a Boy
to a Miss Fuller Sunday

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
SEP 2
330 AM
1943



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Capt. Harold L. Bank
20416137. Co. No. 167th Inf
Camp Rickett Va

My Dear Boy I am
surprised not hearing
from you in 2 Days
I feel very blue to
day. It is the 1st of
Sept. you know why
and I have no one
To talk To about
Berts Birthday. my
heart is full of Sorrow
I have never felt that
way in my Life!
I sent Mrs. Mather
a Card. I know that
I Dont have To Remind
her. But I Just Cant
help it I had To get
it out of my System
Hope you Like Va.
Tell me all about it
Will you. Love Pop

...ted. Use typewriter, dark ... -Write plainly. ... Mail ... is not ...

No. [illegible] 13191728

To Sgt. W.L. Bank 20916637
Co. M. 167th Inf. APO 31.
% P.M. San Francisco
Calif.

From Pvt. Albert Hoffman
(Sender's name)
116th B.U.P.A.R.F. Sect 1
(Sender's address)
Fort Dix Army Rec Base
N.J.
Sept. 15 - 44.
(Date)

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

M. Hank - I guess you are a bit surprised to hear from me but there is no time like now to get to know your cousins.

Most likely Eva has told you a bit of how about me. So I will wait to see if there is anything else you want to know. Just put it not your letter when I was in Chi. visiting Aunt Rose. I met all the boys of the family. Charles, Gustave, etc. You know you and Sister are about the only two I haven't met. I want for Tallow now if you do get to San Francisco or there near that you better stop in at our house or there will be Hell to pay. The family ties. well should be in a special Weapons Unit this time we have 8 days now. I was in Africa on a Pilot convoy in 42 England for Month. But I didn't care for it. of hooks like we will go to the Pacific if we ever get going anyway. Say does the mail take long to get to you there. Oh yes. Most time you get some spare time write me a few lines and while you are at it let me know if there is anything I can send to you. Until then Take Care of Yourself. As Ever, I will say Good Bye for now.

Al. Hoffman

V-MAIL

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To Sgt. H.L. Bank (20416637)
Co.M. 167th. Inf. APO 31
c/o Post Master.
San Francisco Calif.

From Pvt. Albert Hoffman 19141728
(Sender's name)
116th. BU. AAF. Sect. T
(Sender's address)
Fort Dix N.J.
November. 9-44.
(Date)

Hi Harold. Sorry for the delay in answer. Received your letter & was glad to hear from you & also about you. Well im 24 Nov 22 But Im simply for awhile anyhow. You asked what BU stands for. its Base Unit. They use that now instead of Squadron. Also you asked about Bert. well Harold he only stayed in S.F. a few days I only saw him once My Brother Abe the Doctor took him around To see The Town. He came over to see my Mother, Like we sure hope you will Do an had supper with us. He was a 2nd LT. Then. He had a Hotel before he came to See us as he was with a bunch of other 2nd Lovers. Just Going over. That is about All except we all though him a swell Guy & Are looking Foward To seeing you both. After The war what kind of a name is Chin K? If you ever run into The 3rd Air force. A 25 outfit called The Mad hunters look up a Capt. Cy. Hones. He used to Live with us. He's a Friend of The Family. I write To Grandma quite often. Rose is Sow Bob is in Egypt and now. We just heard from Will Sign off For now. write soon & say Hello To The Folks For me. So Long Al Hoff.

V···-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20716637
Co M, 167th INF, APO 31-B,
C/o P.M. San Francisco
Calif

Mrs C Bank
803 Sheridan Rd
Chicago Ill
May 10th 1944

Dear Harold,

I got your postcard that you sent me, and I thank you very much that you don't forget me. I was very glad to hear from you, and I hope to live to see you come back.

I haven't got much to say but I'm happy to hear from you again. I just wrote to Daddy. This is all I can say.

Regards from all to you

From your

Grandmother

V-MAIL

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No.

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416
APO 31 [redacted]
San Francisco, California

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Mrs. C Bank
(Sender's name)
803 Sheridan Rd
(Sender's address)
Chicago, Illinois

June 14, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold,

I was very glad to hear from you & thank you very much, that you don't forget me.

You asked for Bob's and Leni's address. Well here it is. S/Sgt. Robert B. SHURE - 36649652. Hq Co. 2nd Bn - 423 Inf. 106 Div. APO 443. Camp Atterbury Indiana. Leni is — L. SHURE - ACMMC - USN ~~V-12~~ USS CARD. Fleet Post Office. New York, NY.

I hear from your father quite often. Anna sent him 60 lbs of herring, so he can have lots of fun with it.

Everyone ~~Here~~ here is fine and they all send their regards. I hope to hear from you again —

From your
Grandma

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sgt H.L. Bank 20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf, APO 91
% P.M. San Francisco
Calif

Mrs. C. Bank
(Sender's name)
803 Sheridan Rd.
(Sender's address)
Chicago, Illinois
July 20, 1944
(Date)

Dear Harold

I was very glad to hear from you. I received a letter from your father today and he says that everything is fine. Daddy didn't understand about Stella moving to Mich. She just went for the summer, but she's back already.

Keep writing me, but don't feel discouraged if you don't hear from me very often. It is very hard to find someone to write it for me.

Everyone here is fine and happy now. Your letters mean very much to me.

Love
Grandma

V-MAIL

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To SGT XXXXXX HAROLD BANK
20416637
00 M 167 INF.
APO 31 %
% POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

From
CPL DAVE BLOCH
(Sender's name)
2530 AAF BASE UNIT
(Sender's address)
SECTION C GROUP 2
SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LA.
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

JUNE 8, 1944

DEAR HAL,

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ABOUT A DAY AGO AND AM ON THE JOB WITHA QUICK REPLY. I HOPE TO HELL IT REACHES YOU SOON. FIRST I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND THEN GIVE YOU THE LATEST DOPE.

REGARDING THE CANDY HAL, ITS MY FAULT THAT NONE HAS ARRIVED AS YET. I MISPLACED YOUR LETTER ASKING ME FOR SOME AND THEN FOUND OUT THAT I COULDNT SEND ANY UNLESS I HAD AWRITTEN REQUEST. THAT SOUGHT OF PUT ME IN A HOLE BUT FORTUNATELY THE LETTER I RECEIVED TODAY MADE MENTION OF IT AGAIN SO I SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE THIS TIME.

THE NEWS CONCERNING SAMMY JOSPIN CERTAINLY WAS GOOD. I'LL BET HE FEELS SWELL TO BE A COMMISIONED OFFICER. MATTER OF FACT I DONT BLAME HIM I IN THE LEAST BIT. GIVE HIM MY REGARDS WHEN YOU WRITE HIM AGAIN.

NOW FOR THE NEWS FROM SELMAN. I HOPE TO BE IN BIRMINGHAM IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. MOTHER AND SIS ARE GOING TO ATLANTA TO MEET [illegible]SES BOY FRIEND AND FROM THERE THEY WILL HEAD FOR ALABAMA. THE TRIP [illegible] PROVE TO BE A VERY GOOD ONE FOR ITS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MOTHER LAST VISITED THE GANG AND I KNOW THAT SIS HAS NEVER SEEN MOST OF THEM. IF I CAN GET A THREE DAY PASS I'LL TRY TO MEET THEM EITHER IN TUSCALOOSA OR BHAM.

MOM AND POP (ZIVITZ) ARE GOING TO FLA ALSO TO BE THERE WHEN DEL GIVES BIRTH. THEY WILL PROBABLY STAY THERE FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND WILL THEN ALSO GO TO ALABAMA. I'LL TRY TO SEE THEM ALSO. COME TO THINK OF IT I SEEM TO THINK THAT I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS NEWS.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NELLIE TODAY IN ENGLAND. HE DIDNT SAY XXXXX ANYTHING ABOUT THE INVASION FOR IT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE D DAY. HOWEVER I'LL BET HE IS RATHER HAPPY THAT THE DARN THING STARTED. I GUESS WE ALL ARE FOR THAT MATTER AND I'M HOPING IT WILL BE OVER SOON. HOWEVER IT WILL BE ONE HELLUVA FIGHT YET. OH YES, NELLIES ADDRESS IS:

CAPT N ZIVITZ
100 TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
APO 508
% POSTMASTER
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

WELL HAL THATS ABOUT ALL FOR THE PRESENT. TAKE IT EASY AND WRITE SOON. I'LL GET THAT CANDY TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

LOADS OF LUCK

BUDDY

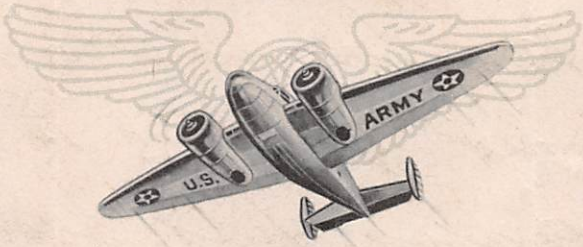
V-MAIL

Cpl. A.B. Bloch
32431705
Prov. Sqdn. B
Selman Field
Monroe, La

MONROE, LA.
MAR 6
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SGT. HAROLD BANK
20416637
Co. M., 167 INF
APO 31-B
c/o Postmaster
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Sat. 3-4.

Dear Chuck,

Your letter, with the APO, came as no surprise tho I was sorry to learn that you are about to go over. I don't guess anything I might say will help, but in any event, loads of luck & take it easy. If by any chance you should bump into that buddy of mine (Tom Levin) give him my regards. His APO is the same as yours.

I spoke to Nellie last week when he was in N.Y. Naturally he doesn't know anything, but he seems to think he may have soon. It would be lucky if you both ended up near each other, but I suppose the

chances are pretty slight.

News from here is slight, tho I just finished speaking to Carl in N.Y. It really felt swell talking to the old gal. By the way I also received a beautiful picture from my Lil.

That's about all for now Chick. Loads of luck & write soon.

Buddy

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sgt Harold Bank 20416693
Co.M 167th Inf.
APO 31 B Postmaster
San Francisco,Calif

Cpl DAVID BLOCH
2530 AAF BASE UNIT
SECTION C, group 2 COMMUNICATIONS
SELMAN FIELD MONROE,LA
MAY 20,1944
(Date)

Dear Hal,

I'm sorry as hell that I didnt answer your letter before this but to tell the truth I have been as busy as hell. First orders came thru to move and then I had to change my office. In any event everything appears to be straightened out for the present so I can get down to catching up on my correspondence. First I better give you my new address.It doesnt appear to be too clear above. It is.

Cpl.David Bloch
2530 AAF BASE UNIT
SECTION C GROUP 2 COMMUNICATIONS
SELMAN FIELD ,MONROE,LA.

Well Hal naturally I wasnt too surprised when I received your letter telling me that you were sent to New Guinea. I received a letter from that pal of mine about two weeks ago and therefore figured that you were bound headed for the same place. Your idea of the island and his are identical so I guess you either read the same travel log or the place stinks.

Regarding my Buddy Yosse Levine,his address is Cpl Y S Levine,battery B 114 AA BN APO 31 B. I sure hope you two guys meet in the near future for I'm sure you will like each others company. Incidently I have another frat brother there also but he is in the Navy. Yosse is trying to contact him so maybe the three of yu can get together.Let me know if anything develo-ed.

Regarding the candy Hal,I'll see what I can do. I've tried to get some here in Monroe,but have been rather unsuccessful. However I have written home to New York asking them to pick some out, Hence there should be a few boxes on its way within anotger week or so.

By the way did you know that Nellie is now overseas. I received a letter from the old boy last week and learned that he landed in England. Naturally he couldnt tell me just where but I'VE got a fairly good idea. I hope he gets to London once in a while.

As for me Hal there isnt very much to tell.Things here are the same as usual and what few changes have taken place seem to be ok.Whether I'LL be called for overseas duty or not is something I really cant say but y u never know.

I may go to birmingham some time in June. If I'm not mistaken I believe Mother and She are going to Atlanta Georgia and from there to Alabama. If that actually takes place I'll do my best to get there. However I'll have to let you know at a later date.

Well Hal, thats about all for the present.So take it easy and write soon.

Loads of luck and take it easy

Buddy

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO SGT. HAROLD L. BANK 20416637
CO. M. 167 INF
APO 31
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
CPL DAVE BLOCH
SECTION C
SELMAN FIELD
~~MONROE, LA.~~
OCT. 31, 1944

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAR HAL,

I SURE WAS GLAD TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER THIS MORNING FOR I COULDNT FIGURE OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED. I KNEW THAT YOUR FOLKS HAD HEARD FROM YOU BUT STILL MY MAIL WAS DELAYED. IN ANY EWENT I FOUND OUT THE ANSWER WHEN YOUR LETTER ARRIVED------IT APPEARS THAT YOU V MAIL SHEET WAS MUTILATED A BIT AND WAS THEREFORE UNFIT FOR FILMING. BE THAT AS IT MAY I'LL DO MY BEST TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER.

BROTHER YOU SURE ARE SEEING SOME REAL FRONT LINE ACTION. I 'M AFRAID I CANT EXACTLY REALIZE WHAT YOU ARE GOING THRU BUT I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY OF THOSE EXPERIENCES. HOWEVER YOUR LETTER CERTAINLY INDICATES THAT IT IS FAR FROM A PICNIC AND FRANKLY I DONT BLAME YOU FOR BEEING A LITTLE WORRIED AT NIGHT. I IMAGINE THAT MUST BE THE TIME WHEN EVERYONE FEELS LIKE REALLY CROWNING THE JAPS. ANYWAY HAL TAKE IT EASY AND WRITE OFTEN.

THE NEWS FROM THE PHILLIPINES SEEMS TO BE PRETTY GOOD AND I HOPE IT WONT BE LONG BEFORE THEY ARE BACK IN OUR HANDS. BY THE WAY HAL IS BURT A PRISONER ON THOSE ISLANDS. I BELIEVE LOTTIE SAID THAT HE WAS ON BAVIO. IS THAT CORRECT. IF SO I HOPE THEY SPEED UP THAT INVASION MORE THEN THEY HAVE SO FAR.

THINGS HERE ARE PRETTY GOOD AGAIN. I HAVE BEEN FEELING OK AND HOPE THAT I HAVE SEEN THE LAST OF AN ARMY HOSPITAL. YESTERDAY I REPORTED FOR ANOTHER CHECK UP AND WAS TOLD THAT" I COULD DO ANYTHING ANYONE ELSE CAN DO". NATURALLY I WAS IMMEDIATELY MADE GOD AGAIN----QUALIFIED FOR OVERSEAS DUTY. THUS TODAY I STARTED TAKING THOSE OVERSEAS SHOTS AND SO FAR THE ONLY RESULT IS A SMALL PAIN IN THE ARM.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NELLIE YESTERDAY TELLING ME ALL ABOUT HIS RECENT THREE DAY PASS TO PARIS. HE MUST HAVE FELL IN LOVE WITH THE CITY ON FIRST SIGHT FOR HE STATES THATS ITS THE BEST HE HAS EVER SEEN. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY AND THAT THEY MOB ALL AMERICAN SOLDIERS THAT MARCH ALONG. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL SIGHT----BUT THE PRICE PAID FOR IT WAS TERRIFIC.

WELL HAL THATS ALL FOR NOW. TAKE IT EASY AND ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD. PLEASE WRITE SOON AGAIN AND I'LL ANSWER IMMEDIATELY.

BUDDY

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO: SGT HAROLD BANK
20416637
CO. A - 167 INF.
APO 31 C/O P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

FROM CPL. D. BLOCH
2530 AAF BASE UNIT
SECTION C GP. 2
SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LA
7-30-44.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Hal,

A lot has happened since I last wrote you & I'm not kidding. First I went home on furlough - had a swell time - & then was grounded on for the removal of my appendix on the day I returned from N.Y. That took place about a week ago & fortunately I seem to be getting along nicely.

Anne Rose & Hattie are now in Miami visiting Mom & Pop. I believe they will stay there awhile longer & then return to Tuscaloosa. Mom wrote stating that she expects to be in Baton Rouge any D. Will try & meet them there if I'm released from the hospital soon enough.

Regarding Nellie, Hal her APO is now 350 & it is now Night before Twenty - lucky guy. Bet you knew that he is a father now. Ty Del gave birth to a baby boy about a month ago.

Well Chick, nothing else now. Take it easy & please write soon again. Loads of luck.

Bernard

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO. 191

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To: Sgt H. BANK 20416637
Co M 167 INF
APO 31 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

From: Pvt. Buckel
Co C Bn 2
Monroe, La.
9/8/44

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Hal,

I was very surprised to learn of your illness. I received a letter from Lottie telling me all about it at the same time yours arrived. I'm glad you are near home if we both can't be having our troubles.

Evidently you must be pretty close to the fighting front. In any event it a good thing they got that gap before night fall. It probably would have been hell if he got away.

As you know Mom & Pop (Aunt Annie & Uncle Will) are in Tuscaloosa. I was hoping I'd see them but Lin died in the hospital & Aunt Annie spent a few days with Joe another three weeks they'll be home by then I guess.

Other than that, things are fairly dead. So take it easy & write soon.

Buckley.

Have you filled in complete address at top?

REPLY BY V-MAIL

Have you filled in complete address at top?

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

Air Mail

Sgt Harold Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf
APO 31. B.
San Francisco, California

Eva Hoffman
134 - 4th Ave
San Francisco
California

Feb 28, 1944

Dear Harold

This is your cousin, writing, hoping to find you in the best of health.

Your Dad sent us a telegram saying you'll be here - we're dying to see you - so as soon as you can - phone us and we'll tell you how to get here - Your Dad

wants you to phone him
right away.

We're hoping to hear from
you soon, our number
is Sealright 5536 -
Don't forget - phone!

Bye for now -

Cousin Eve.

P.S.
The nicest one in the
family. besides your Aunt Minnie
(my little mommy)
P.S.S. 1346 - 4th Ave
S.F.

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

Sgt Harold Bank 20 416 637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31-B
% San Francisco Postmaster, California

Eve Hoffman
(Sender's name)
1346 - 4th Ave
(Sender's address)
San Francisco
May 1, 1944
(Date)

Hi from San Francisco! Letter 1

Dam glad to hear from you cousin, old pal, we were wondering what happened to you!

This is a big family, so I'll start from the bottom & work up — my 20 yr old bro, Jean, is working for the government, trying to type! I'm next, 22, & I'm a Harpist, you know, angel!! next is Al, 23 Army Air Corps! next is Dan, 25 he's working on his motors, then, Edith, 27 married, 2 kids & rich as hell! next Joe, 28 or 29 — works for Edith's husband, he's married & has a little boy, 9 mo- & a fat wife! next comes Frank, 31 married & in the Army Ordnance in Louisiana — this will be con't in next V-mail

Eve

V-MAIL

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No. 20416637

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

Sgt Harold L. Bank
Co. M. 167th Inf. APO 31-3
% San Francisco
Post Master- Calif

Eve Hoffman
(Sender's name)
1346- 4th Ave
(Sender's address)
San Francisco
California
May 1 (Date) 1944

V-MAIL

Hi again, this is letter 2- I was telling you about Frank, he's swell, my favorite brother! Then Abe, he's a doctor & is married has 1 child, girl, 2½ yrs. raging business, & then our adopted little girl Dede, 6 yrs old- a perfect doll! & mom, what a honey- she's really a Babe Harold, short, chubby & darling- She howled with joy today when we got your LETTER- & FROM NOW ON I'LL WRITE A BLUE STREAK SO YOU'LL have PLENTY OF MAIL FROM S.F. WELL HAROLD- LENNY IS OUT AGAIN- WE SURE HAVE HAD LOADS OF FUN LENNY & I- IF HE WASN'T MY 1ST COUSIN I'D FALL FOR him- oh WELL, THAT'S LIFE! ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL SEND SOME PICTURES & THEN YOU'LL SEE THE horrible TRUTH- BYE NOW from ALL- EVE

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO. 1

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No. 20416637

Sgt Harold L. Bank
Co M. 167th Inf. APO 31-B
c/o P.M.
San Francisco. Calif

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Eve Hoffmeyer
(Sender's name)
1346-4th Ave
(Sender's address)
San Francisco Calif
May 16, 1944
(Date)

Hi Cousin, Just got a letter from your Dad - he told us he heard from you which makes him happy as hell! Well my unknown friend, how's tricks, are they treating you right & all the sort of stuff you always hear? In S.F. everything is as usual - I don't get around much anymore to see anything worth writing about - too much studying to do. keeps me awfully busy - Aunt Rose sent us pictures of Bob & Barbara - they're nice looking kids - do you know them very well? Today is my sisters birthday - 8th's to-thats Jean (we call her Babe) I guess she's going out tonite & get tanked, which is a wonderful idea if one has the time & energy! Mom is o.k., still kicking - The little girl Dede just came home from school & is pestering me to get her a cookie - There! I gave her some milk & cookies, hope she'll keep quiet. Well Harold there isn't much more room - but enough to say, I hope your well & are having a good time under the circumstances - maybe some day we can get drunk together like Lenny & I - what sinners we are - Oh nuts! Bye now.

Love Eve.

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. M. 1676th Inf. APO-31
c/o P.M. San Francisco
Calif

From Eve Chapman
(Sender's name)
1946-4th Ave
(Number and street)
San Francisco Calif
(City and State)
June 15th
(Date)

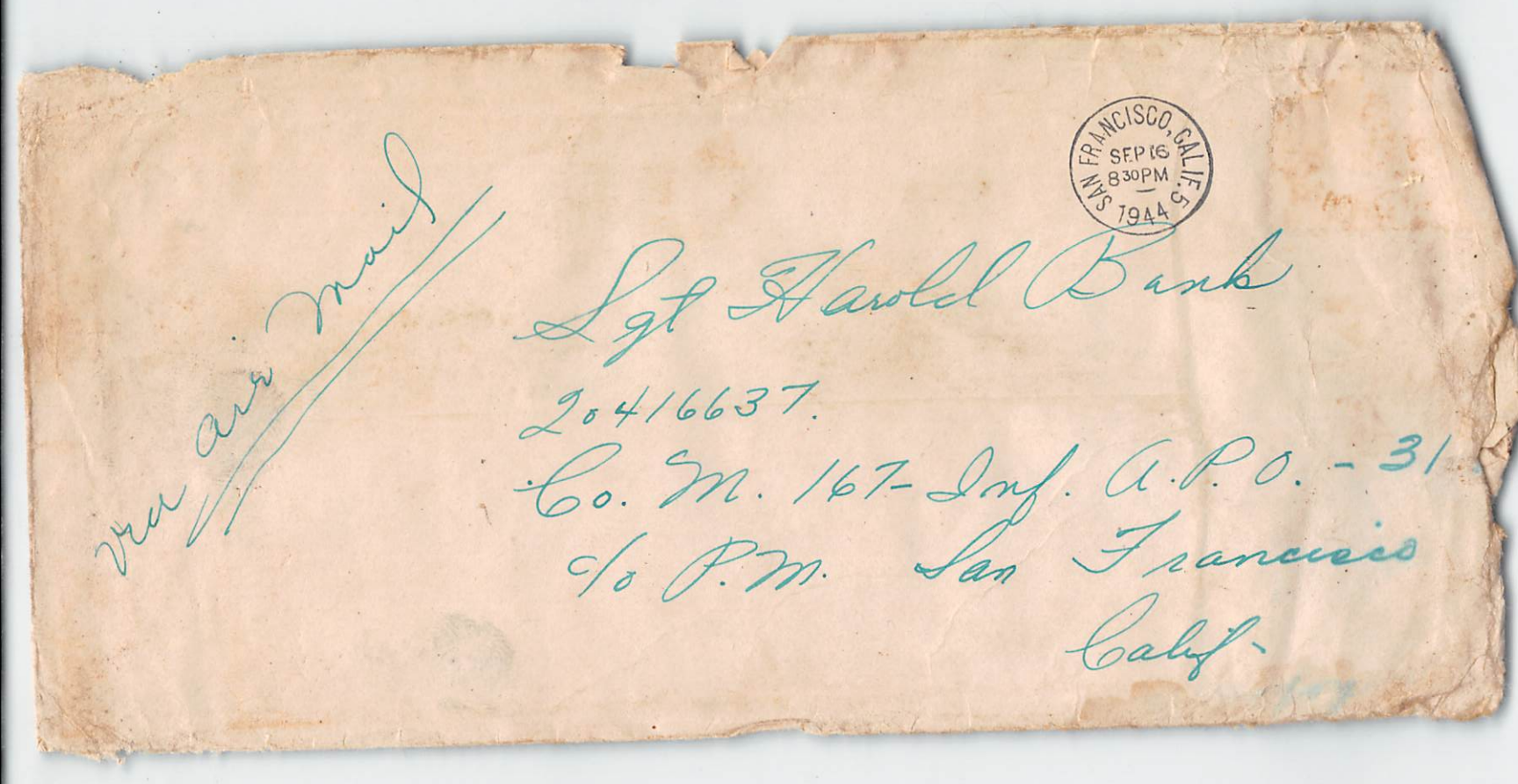
Hi: I'm glad the mail speeds up once in a while - I hope you get lots & lots - & I think you do! I just rec. a letter from your Dad - he sems hope - gosh - I hope we'll all meet some day - wouldn't be grand. These Nites are dill, I know but as long as you can set on your tuses a few minutes a day - well !!!

Harold I study music - I'm taking the Harp - I hate it worked for years - no sir; I'm one of those mad musicians, God forbid!

Well Tots this is short but nothing much to say - My brother Albert is home He's going to England - Mom doesn't know it. My brother Frank is going too - what a funny feeling having your brothers away so far - Dicka is writing you a letter I hope you received it - Tillnext time - Love Eve

V ··· MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPT. PERMIT NO. 85



Via air mail

Sgt Harold Bank

20416637.

Co. M. 167- Inf. A.P.O. - 31

c/o P.M. San Francisco

Calif.

Eve Clifford
1346 - 4th Ave
San Francisco 22
Calif

BRADELEY SI
EVE
MARCIA
NAOMI
MARIELLE
VALERIN
ROSALIE
HEMERSON
ROSENFELD
GOLDBERG
METZER

Hi Handsome

We rec. your picture - pardon us while we drool!!! drool drool! Oh brother are you built - almost like Lenny I would say -

Well K. about Bert - as I said he had dinner here & stayed only a few days - Abe showed him around town & then he left for the Islands & that's all we know - not much is it? But after this is all over we'll know the whole story - your Dad hasn't written for a couple of months - Mama wrote to ol' grandma yesterday - I haven't seen the old lady for about 6 years - but I hear she still cheats at Rummy - the ol' goat cheated me out of a dollar one nite & I

was so mad that after she was asleep I sneaked in her room & stole it back - God sakes don't tell her that!

Well handsome (I pictured you different) I have to practice so I'll close - I'll send my picture soon's there ready - it takes ages!

Mama sends her love & so does everybody else -

Be a good little boy

Love.

E[illegible].

P.S. Anything exciting doing lately

P.S.S. Do the censors, censor my letters to you?

cousin - he's still as goofy as ever - he sure is a kick - half the things I can't read to mama cause its STOCKING !! such as - - oh never mind - I'm not one to carry tales out of School -

Harold & kid the sandwich deal is getting the best of me so I'll close until tomorrow & tell you all the rest - y'd know you I wouldn't worry about Bert because my women's intuition tells me he's ~~alive~~ alive somewhere - & I haven't missed yet & that's no fooling - Goodnite - Love - Eve

Dear Harold - No 2

No chum I guess I don't write much - no special excuse its just that I'm sooo lazy - I know its awful but when I'm practicing so much I don't have much energy to do anything but sleep - My teacher is piling up so much work on me that's its almost impossible to get it all done so I keep beating my brains against a stone wall hoping to break thru & be a good musician some day !! I hope !!

me to tell you something
tes - so I'll add that also -
At present I'm in my room
its about 11:30 - P.M. I think
I'll trip downstairs when I
finish this & make myself
an onion sandwich with
chese & tomats & lettuce - oh
Yummy doesn't it sound swell -
some day when you're here I'll
make you the best darn
sandwich you ever tasted
even Lenny says I'm a
good sandwich maker) - oh
by the way I just got a
letter from our darling

Harold I hope the news
you heard about your brother
made you feel good - gee,
Mom cried & we know
that he must be alive.
Yes H. I did have the
pleasure of seeing Bert
just once - I really can't
remember how many days
he spent here but it was
very few - We had him to
dinner & he left shortly after
with Abe - (my brother - the
doctor) But I shall phone
tomorrow & get the dope -
I'll add it at the End of
the letter - Mama wants

Eve Hoffman
1346-4th Ave
San Francisco 22
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Sgt. Harold Bank 20416637
Co. M 167 INF APO 31-B
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San Francisco,
California

AIR MAIL

Fri the 13th Oh.

Hi Cousin,

Just got a letter from our cousin, Lenny Shure - he is a card isn't he, or shall I say a whole deck - ? He sent me a lovely little "Bill" for my birthday which was last month on the 20th - Mom's was the 5th & little Dede's was the 29th - I'm 22, Mom's '6o' & Dede is 7 - the lucky little rascal - I'm listening to Beethovens 5th on the radio & its so beautiful I can't help stopping to listen - I adore music - any kind - mostly classics though because that's all I ever studied - Oh those violins are gorgeous!

Well kiddo how goo goes it with you - no more Japs around I, we hope - it gave us quite a scare - really Harold we feel so terrible for all you boys out there - I know you don't think we understand but we do - every family that's broken up by this damn war, every member who soo stays home knows what it is to have brothers & cousins out in no mans land - I'm definitly not the emotional type but lots of times I get to thinking about you fellows & all the crap you have to take & I feel awful - There must be a reason for it - it can't be senseless - can it Harold?

Mom always worries & talks about you boys - since this war she has almost turned white - she's a dam good sport though Harold - I can truthfully say I'm glad I'm not a mother with sons & nephews fighting - don't think I could be as strong as the mothers are to day! I better get off this dreary subject - before I start to bawl & then - oh murder!!!

I'm still beating my brains out trying to master my dam instrument - sometimes I think I'm going slightly mad - Ha ha ha - not me - ha ha ha — Nuts! I should complain, I got life easy - all I do is work myself ents hysterics trying to keep the house clean, doing the washing, cooking & shopping & trying to practice at the same time - lets trade places o.k.? but I'm happy!

Say chum, Oct 16th I have an appt. to have my picture taken - I'll send you one agree? I'm trying to get Mom to get some taken too - if so I'll send one of her along for good luck! I know this letter is ink long but I'm so sleepy - my eyes feel like there a ton of bricks hanging on — oh droopy eyelids!! Keep good care of yourself Harold - & be good! Come back soon!

Love —

Mom, Babe, Uncle & the

writer of this symphony —— Eve.

Via air mail

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Fri - Sept 15th.

Dear Harold,

Awfully glad to have received your letter although it was quite disturbing - I'd hate to be in your position - Mother just about hit the ceiling - But we hope by now the Japs have been killed and that you're sleeping easily -

The old S.F. fog is really at a low ceiling tonite - Gee but its cold out - I opened my window to get a breath of air but closed it with a bang - I'd rather suffocate.

We had a very exciting day here - it was moms birthday! 60 yrs old!! All the family (whats left) came over with presents & stayed for dinner - I cooked the dinner (no remarks please) & I happen to be a very good ~~go~~ cook!

I had a big meat-loaf, baked potatoes, string beans - hot twist bread - salad & lemon pie - Boy it was good & oh yes, Russian Borget - did you ever have it? We are Russian you know - that is half Russian - Mom says that Grandmas mother taught her how to make it - Well anyway Harold it was a Gala affair - she got loads of gifts except from me - I don't own 10 & darn the luck - even Diana, that our little girl, bought her something - every one asked me what I gave Mom & I curtly answered "My presence" Someday I'll be able to really give her a present - I hope - I'm working like mad trying to - I've been

practicing a little too much; 5 or 6 hrs a day but it will be a few more months till I start making some money — I imagine that I'll take Radio work. There's a big demand for "good" harpists but — they're loads of punk ones — you'd be surprised but still they make big money & that's what counts.

You see Harold I must of gotten my talent from my Dad & ever since I can remember I've had music so its only natural that I continue — I'm too dumb to do anything else well — golly I talk a lot don't I — better change

the subject!

Harold we simply don't have any pictures of ourselves - this family is bashful when it comes to taking pictures - but one of these days we'll break down & have some taken -

Well Harold I have to practice some more - We're all well & healthy here & hope sincerely that you well - Won't it be fun when we meet each other - blazes glory wouldn't it be wonderful if after this was all our relatives got together - do you think we could all fit in one house? I haven't heard from Leo for a long time damn him! Well Mom & my sis send their best regards to you & for Gosh sakes watch those Japs — horrors! Love your cousin

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cousin - he's still as goofy as ever - he sure is a kick - half the things I can't read to mama cause its STOCKING !! such as - - oh never mind - I'm not one to carry tales out of School -

Harold & kid the sandwich deal is getting the best of me so I'll close until tomorrow & tell you all the rest - y'd know you I wouldn't worry about Bert because my women's intuition tells me he's ~~alive~~ alive somewhere - & I haven't missed yet & that's no fooling - Goodnite - Love - Eve

Dear Harold - No 2

No chum I guess I don't write much - no special excuse its just that I'm sooo lazy - I know its awful but when I'm practicing so much I don't have much energy to do anything but sleep - My teacher is piling up so much work on me that's its almost impossible to get it all done so I keep beating my brains against a stone wall hoping to break thru & be a good musician some day !! I hope !!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Eve.

Mom & Dede too !



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All SEND YOU OUR LOVE —

EDE TOO!





Thursday - 4:30 P.M. Nov 30, 44
(on my room)

Dearest Harold,

Just now received your letter - it took ~~25~~ ~~to~~ 30 days to get here - You sent it Oct 30th & today is Nov 30th - boy the mail is really bad but I guess its the best they can do - of course we don't have a plane dropping our mail - one have a dam mailman who is soo slow - he makes mama boiling mad - The dope stops & talks to everyone he sees & it takes him hours to get to us - We should have our mail by 11:00 a.m. & he usually crawls around here about 2:30 or 3:00 P.M. I'll murder that man one of these days!!

If you want to send a bracelet or necklace I'd love it but don't do it if its any trouble - Lenny said he would write to you but I guess he didn't yet - I'll give him hell

when I write to him - Here is his address

L. SHURE ACMMC
Navy # 116 Box 5 - 129
F.P.O. N.Y. N.Y.

He's having a hell of a time for himself he's in Porto ~~Rico~~ Rico - & there's plenty of Rum & if there's plenty of Rum Lenny's in - by the way you aren't another Rum drinker are you 'Chink' oh brother what a nick-name. & how in the world did it start? I think I'll just call you Harold if you don't mind!

Say Harold your little native boy sounds cute - can he read or write or speak English - I've never written to a native - it would be fun! Tell him to write to me - I'll even send him something - how about some red hot pajamas or a ~~hula~~ plaid shirt - you tell me huh?

And Harold you tell us what you want will you - please do - you might as well have what you want - Its so hard to pick out anything but if we knew what you wanted it would be easy - it might be a little late but don't worry about that - Soon's my pictures are finished I'll send you one - They take Soos long! But one of these days you'll see my faces!!!

Harold if Bert is alive we'll here about it as soon as they can get the news to your Dad - no words can describe how we all feel - I know he's your brother but we feel pretty lousy about it too - but lets not worry too much - that simply doesn't help -

If he's alive he's O.K I bet - I hope -
yeah boy won't it be wonderful after
the war - it's such a wonderful
thought - all of us together & me
passing out the drinks - & Lenny
passed out in a corner - & you -
well what can you do well? ?!

Minnie is yelling for me to start
the dinner - oh what a drudgery
cooking is - I hate to cook - I hope
I'm not destined to become a
poor house wife - Horrors!!!

I'll write Soon -

Bye now from all -

Love
Your beautiful
Cousin
or who am I bidding!!
or ~~censored!!?~~
Lenny thinks I'm nice though!!!

Sgt Harold Banks ~~20 417 637~~

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San Francisco 21
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Jan 2. 1947

Dear Harold

Happy New Year & all good luck for you kiddo!

I couldn't get any ~~chains~~ chains & I was wandering if this wire would be O.K - if it is I'll send you more.

I'm fine Harold & hope you are too - I'm living with my brother Abe now - he's the doctor & a swell guy. & my sister in law is wonderful - She have a little girl 3 yrs old & she's darling - Mama sold my harp - & so I'm looking around for another one - she's still my mother Harold & I wouldn't say anything against her - but she ~~is~~ - - - oh well - I've been doing absolutely nothing They just make me rest & eat -

I've been composing some music + just fooling around - well now I'm going out so I'll close -
Please rite to me tootsie -

Love
Your cousin
Eve.

Dear Harold,
this is your cousin-in-law, Janet, speaking.
"Hello" to you from,
Abe, Janet + Patty Jo.

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Written from

Friday

Dearest Harold,

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I just can't understand about you. I've written you twice this week, and one of the letters was airmail. I presume you are still in Virginia, yet your address is San Francisco. I hope you stay there for a while. I wish you would call Mother when you get the chance. You know, there's not even a postmark on your letters, just the censor's signature. Sounds funny to me, but I guess this is the army.

Did you get the letter I wrote you about Miriam Rosenblum writing me and telling me that she interviewed a Maj., one of the ten men who escaped that knew Bert well? I guess you received it by now.

Mother and Daddy are fine. Daddy's teeth are ready by now, I think, and the next time I go home I'll take pictures, if I can get some film. You know, it seems so funny writing to you and not knowing where you are, and your letters censored, too, and I know darn well you are right here in this country, and I hope you stay here.

Did you ever get in touch with Sammie? I wonder how long it will be before he is through?



There's not much news here except everyone is fine, and, Harold, tell Nat hello for me, and I promise to write him real soon. Oh, I received a letter from Naomi today, and she said she fell down skating and fell on her face, and bruised it, and sprained her wrist. She said she hasn't heard from you in a few weeks. I don't understand why you sent your address book when you have to write to people even though you are going across. Write often, and I promise to, too, and take care of yourself, and whatever you do ~~xxxxx~~ call Mother when you get the chance, because she is waiting for you to call her. I think it's ridiculous for her to want to go where you are to see you, don't you? Write, and tell Fancher and Nat hello for me.

Love,

Lottie

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Written from

Wednesday

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Dearest Harold,

Just to let you know that I received your diary today, and I give you my word I haven't opened it, and don't intend to. Harold, I can't understand about you, you write me that you are on the east coast, and your address is San Francisco. Are you going to leave from N.Y.? I don't get it, but I guess it is a military secret.

I went out to Brookside last night. Blanche was here, but she left this morning. Did you get the letter I wrote you yesterday? I don't know where you are, but I hope you remain in the states. Mother still wants to go see you before you leave, but I don't want to go.

Why don't you call Mother? She is waiting for you to call her. What are you waiting for?

There's no news here. When we hear from Bert again I'll let you know, and take care xxx of yourself, and tell everyone hello, and WRITE as often as you can.

Love,

Lottie



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Dearest Harold,

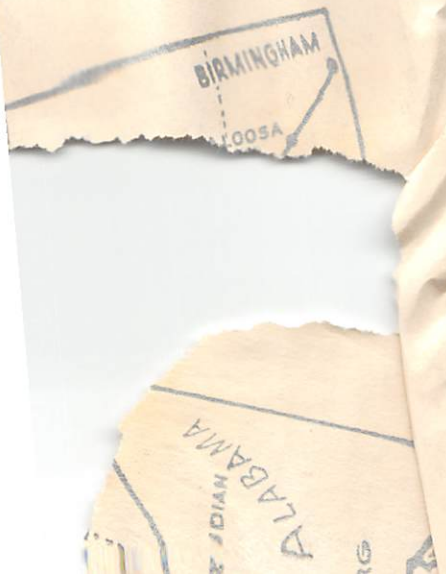
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Received a letter from you this morning dated last Wednesday. Boy, it surely does take a long time for them to come here, and, Harold, that was the first envelope that had a postmark on it. It must have been a slipup. Harold, for goodness sakes, call Mother. She has been waiting everyday for you to call. What are you waiting for? I talked to her this morning, and she said you wrote her that you had taken shots, and had fever. Why do you write her those things? You know how she worries about you, anyway. Where do you think you will be sent?

I stayed in town this week-end. Max and Ethel are the proud parents of a little girl born Friday. They surely are happy over it. I saw Spike Saturday night, and he took your address from me, so I guess you will be hearing from him soon. He's just as crazy as ever.

There's not much news here. Let me hear from you. If you'll tell me where I can call you I will, and I hate to send you cookies because I don't know how long you will be here, and I'm afraid they'll go all the way to California and back to where you are. Take care of yourself, and give all the boys my love,

Lottie



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Wednesday

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Dearest Harold,

Haven't heard from you in a few days. What is the matter? Did you ever call Mother? What are you waiting for, will you tell me? Have you received any of my letters? If you haven't, I can't understand it.

Went down to Camp Sibert to a dance Monday night, and had a grand time. They had a program, and it was wonderful. There was a boy there who could sing Bing Crosby under the table any day, and everyone else was good, too.

How are you feeling? Mother said you wrote that you had some shots. I think I'm going home this week-end. I wish Mother would come to Birmingham. I'll try to take some pictures if I can take the camera with me. We took some last Sunday, and if they come out good, I'll send you some, o.k.? What did you do with your picture book, Harold? Did you send it home?

I haven't heard from Ruth in over a week. I wonder what's wrong. Maybe they are moving again.

There's not much news here, except it is really cold outside. How's the weather where you are? How is Nat? Please tell him hello for me, hear? Also Fancher and the rest.



Take care of yourself, and let me hear from you. I wanted to send you some cookies, but you know how long it takes for you to get my letters and I send them airmail at that. I'll send you a checkerboard but I don't know when you'll get it. I'll get one when I go to town tomorrow. Write often, and call Mother when you get the chance. Why do you keep asking how Ludwig Block is? Was he sick or something? Oh, I owe Buddy a letter for a long time now.

Love,
Lottie

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May 10, 1944

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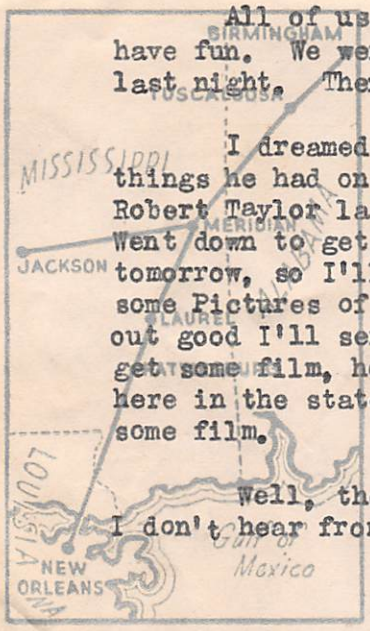
Well, I'm going to try and write you an ordinary letter and let me know if you got it quicker, hear? There's not much news. Went to see "Song of Russia" last night with Robert Taylor and Susan Peters, and it was wonderful. Tonight I'm going out to Bessemer. Sammie is home and is a 2nd Lt. He was in Tuscaloosa last night. Sol is going out so I'm going with him.

Harold, I surely do hope you don't forget to send Mother something for Mother's Day. You won't get this letter in time, but it is May 14. I have already written you about it. Did you ever receive any more letters from me? Let me know if you got all of them, hear?

I noticed in the paper where the Japs are allowing all of those supplies that were in Soviet Russia to go into the Phillippines and be distributed now. Isn't that wonderful? They must be getting scared. I hope you wipe all of them out while you are over there. I don't believe you have seen any actual fighting, have you? I wish you would write me a little about that place and what you aredoing. How about it?

Arline Damsky got married Sunday to some soldier. I don't know who. I wrote Ruth yesterday! I might go down to see her in a few weeks.

All of us girls from the office went out to dinner last night and we surely did have fun. We went to Joy Young's. We usually indulge in a little cocktail but didn't last night. Then I we nt to the show.



I dreamed that Bert came home last night and surely did look good. But of all things he had on an officer's uniform from the Navy. I guess it was because I saw Robert Taylor last night and you know he is in the Navy. Bert surdy did look good, too. Went down to get my pictures today and they weren't ready, darn it, but they will be tomorrow, so I'll send them then, o.k.? They're not very good. I'm going to take some Pictures of Mother and Daddy Mother's Day which is this Sunday, so if they come out good I'll send them to you. I think I have two rolls of film. Harold, if you can get some film, how about sending me some? And anything you can get that you can't get here in the states, how about sending me? Can you get kleenex? But I would appreciate some film.

Well, there's no more this time, so write often and I'll keep writing even if I don't hear from you.

Regards to Nat and Fancher,

Lottie

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Written from

Saturday morning

Dearest Harold,

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It's Saturday mogning, and thought I would drop you a line before I left. I'm going home this afternoon. Hope Mother has heard from you this week. I guess you won't get a chance to call her, but if you do, by all means, do it as quick as you can, because she has been expecting you to call.

Went down to Camp Sibert the other night to a dance, and had a grand time. Met a white haired soldier, 27 years old who was a marvelous dancer. I already had a letter from him, but I don't like him, so I don't know if I'll go out with him or not.

Harold, Thursday and Friday night I dreamed that Bert came home, and looked wonderful, just like he did when he left. He said all that that was in the paper was true, but he was man enough to take it, and he said that name that was mentioned in the paper was his. Isn't it funny that I should dream the same thing twice? Maybe there's something to that, huh?

I'm going to send you a checkerboard right away. Hope you get it. Let me know how you like it.

There's no news here except we are all find, and take care of yourself, a nd write often, hear? Give my love to Nat and Russell.

Love,

Lottie.

Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

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the 14th to day and now I
know you & Hope your
doing O.K. I am the trip
Well Lattie stayd home
Sunday & monday mother
is doing O.K. Business
Was not to Hot monday
but it may Pick up
to day. Looks Like its
going to be a Beutyful
day. I o Bight Go to the
B.B. Meeting Last Nite
I ware Sleepy went
to Bed 730. Got up this
morning 715. I call it
a nice Rest. Dont you
I Dont Know any news
to Tell you Betty
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LETTER #1

Wednesday, March 15, 1944

Dearest Harold,

I don't know where you are, but I hope you are out of danger. I guess they wouldn't let you out when you got to San Francisco, because Aunt Minnie wrote Daddy that she hasn't heard from you. That's a darn shame.

Received a letter from Ruth the other day, and she said she hasn't heard from you in a long time. They have a new apartment now, and she invited me down anytime. She must be a very sweet girl.

Went home last Saturday and stayed until Tuesday morning. Mother and Daddy are fine. Sunday night we went to the Hillel to a Purim dinner, and met xxx a couple from Chicago, who are very good friends of Daddy's cousin. They have a boy in school(army) at the UofA and they came down to see them. They certainly are nice people. We all went out Sunday night, and had a lot of fun. Mother really enjoyed herself, and we almost had to fight to get her to go.

I guess it will be quite some time before we hear from you, but you write as often as you can, and I'll try to do the same. Harold, can I still send you boxes of cookies? If so, I'll send some. I'll date all my letters and number them, and you let me know if you get them. You know, say "Received Letter #1, etc.", and then I'll know if you are getting my mail.

No news from Bert. If you happen to run into him tell him hello for me, and it surely would be funny if you were in the invasion when they went to the Phillippines and saw him, wouldn't it?

There's no news here. Everyone is fine, and waiting to hear from you, so be good and write as often as you can.

Love to all the boys,

Lottie

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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Dearest Harold, Sat. morning

Well, it's Saturday and I don't have much to do so thought I'd write - Haven't heard from you yet but I guess you're alright - Did you have a nice trip over? Where are you, anyway? I'm dying to know - I'm not going home this week-end - Mother is coming in next week, I think - They might come here for Pesach - I don't know - We'll miss you -

There's no news at all, Harold. Mother and Daddy are fine and so is business - I'm going to get some V-mail today and start writing you on it - I'll get some for Daddy too - I promise I'm getting a checkerboard today -

There's no news - Give my love to Faucher and Nat - Write often -

Love

Lottie

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Monday March 20, 1944

Dearest Harold,

First, I'm not going to number my letters, I'll just put the date on them. How about that?

Now, Mother called me this morning and said the postman called them at five o'clock this morning to tell them they had a card from Bert. Isn't that wonderful? She said he said he was fine, and not to worry about him, and tell everyone hello. It was similar to the other one, and I don't know if his signature was on it or not. At first I thought Mother called to tell me she heard from you, but I guess it will be about six weeks yet, won't it?

I hope you get all my mail. I stayed in town this weeek-end, and had a date Saturday night with the most handsome soldier you ever saw. We went to the Pickwick, and can he jitterbug, oh, boy.

Ruth owes me a letter. I wrote her last week. I might go down to Hattiesburg real soon. I'd love to go, though. I know I will like her.

Harold, I received a letter from Blanche, and she has been transferred from Chicago to Philadelphia, and while on the train she started talking to a Captain, and found out that he was a guy that Rosalie Krisch had jilted. He told her he knew you, do you know who I'm talking about? I don't know his name.

There's not much news here. Mother said she will be in next Tuesday. I guess she will stay a few days, I hope.

Harold, where in the world are you? Let us know as soon as you can. Mother and Daddy are fine, so don't worry about them, and take care of yourself, and kill a Jap for me, will you?

Love to Nat and Fancher,

Lottie

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Tuesday March 21, 1944

Dearest Harold,

Just a nite to tell you that you must send in a request to me for anything you want, so if you want some cookies let me know, and write it out in a request, and also the checkerboard. Now, be sure you do that, hear.

No news. Mother and Daddy are fine. I'll write you more to morrow. Did you get the letter that I told you that we received a card from Bert yesterda..

Love,

lottie

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M. P. S. C. NO. 27

Written from
March 23, 1944

File Reference

Dearest Harold,

Just thought I'd drop you a line before I had anything to do again. I had a wonderful dream about Bert last night. I dreamed that he came back and just looked wonderful, and he told us that Dyess, Grashia and the rest of them were lying about knowing him, that they actually didn't, they just wanted to make us feel good. And Bert said in the dream that he hadn't been in the Phillippines all this time, he said he had been having a wonderful time.

Received a nice long letter from Ruth this morning, and she said she hadn't heard from you in about three weeks and surely is anxious to hear from you. She said she is planning on going to N.Y. April 16 but she isn't sure. She said she met her Mother in Meridian last week. Did you tell me those girls were orphans? If you didn't tell me that I must have been dreaming, but I could have sworn you told me they were.

I think I'm going home this week-end. Had a date last night and had a very enjoyable evening , thank you. We went out to dinner, to a show, and to the Pickwick only to find it was closed, so I went home early. It just poured down last night, and I thought there would be a storm, but it wasn't.

I also received a letter from Naomi this morning, and she is fine. She said her brother was home and she is afraid he will be sent across, aren't they all?

Harold, would you rather I use V-mail or not? You can't write very much on them, that 's the reason I don't like to write V*Mail. Which do you prefer? Let me know when you can, and write as often as you can, and I am so anxious to know where you are. Tell Nat and Fancher hello for me and take care of yourself.

Love,

Lottie

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Dearest Harold, March 25, 1944

Where in the world are you? Gosh, I'm dying to know - I've been writing you pretty regular - Have you received any of my mail? Let me know -

No doubt you received my letter telling you that we heard from Bert March 20 - I haven't seen the card but I'm going home today and see it -

There's not much news here - I'm expecting a darling soldier in this week-end from Maxwell Field but I'll have to not be here - I didn't find out he was coming until this morning - so what can I do? I've already promised Mother I'm coming home -

I wrote Nat a letter - Let me know if he received it - I told him to take care of you -

I'm having some pictures made next week so you'll be getting one soon - I'm going to try to get Mother and Daddy to have one made - I'm going to a regular photographer -

I've been taking dictation lately and I think I'm acquiring my old speed again - I love it -

Harold, I can't think of any - thing else to say so I'll write often as I have been - Take care of Yourself and write often -

Love to you + the boys

Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. No.
(Sender's address)
Bham 3, Ala.

March 27, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Mother didn't call me last night so I guess she didn't hear from you, but I don't know, maybe I'll hear from you today. Went to the show last nite and it was really good, "Lady, Let's Dance", and they had an ice skater in it that puts Sonie Heinie under the table. She could do everything in the line of dancing. In case you're interested, Dorothy is going to have another baby. We took Uncle Jake home for Passover and he was fine until we took him back and he surely didn't want to go back, so I don't think Mother will take him home again. Harold, write me and tell me all you can, where you are, etc. and if you ever come across anything nice send it to me, hear? Spoke to Mrs. Pancher yesterday and she received a letter from Russell. Boy, you must owe me fifty. Have you received a lot of mail from me? There's not much news here. I haven't heard from Ruth since she went to N.Y. I guess I'll hear from her soon, though. I started to tell her to look up Naomi but I decided you wouldn't want me to, so I didn't. I'm going over to Aunt Bessie's tonight. Ed and Priscilla come over there all the time, and she's pretty nice. I like her, and she is very attractive, too. Harold, don't forget to write Aunt Annie and all the other relatives. Do you know all the addresses? If not, let me know and I'll send them to you, hear? I'm getting my proofs tomorrow and I hope they come out good. If they do you'll be getting one soon. Take care of yourself and write often, and I will, too. Daddy writes you nearly everyday. When I was home I typed all your letters. Bye now, and write.

Lottie

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 204/663
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO-31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
3018 - 5th St.
(Sender's address)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

March 27, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Came home Sat. and I have to stay in the store with Mother until Daddy comes back - He went to Chicago yesterday - Talked to that Major last nite and he said Bert was fine when he left - He said he weighed about 160 or 165 - I asked him if he thought Bert would live through it and he said with his sense of humor he should - He said "Say, your father really goes in for wrestling, doesn't he?" I could tell you some more things but he said not to worry about him - You know we got a card from Bert Marked 20 - He said he was fine and not to worry - Have you received any of my mail? I've written quite a few letters - It's pouring outside - Where are you, Harold? Write soon you can - Wait a minute Mother wants to say Hello - No, she said she's too nervous - Same old story - We just made a good sale - Ruth is going to N.Y. April 16 - Sell Hat and Forever Hello and write often

Love
Mother & Lathe

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M. P. S. C. NO. 27

Written from

Monday afternoon

Dearest Harold,

File Reference

Received your sunglasses, and everything else you have sent, and also two letters from you today. You say you are on the East Coast, but I guess by now you are in California. Mother is waiting for you to call her because she wants to go out to California to see you, and she wants me to go with her. We don't know how long you will be there, and you don't either, do you? If you are there for any length of time, though, Mother is going come hell or high water.

This morning when I got to the office I received a letter from Meriam Rosenblum, and she said last week she interviewed a Major Shofner, one of the ten men who escaped with Dyess, Grashia, etc., and she asked him if he knew Capt. Bert Banks, and he replied You mean Capt. Banks, of Tuscaloosa?" and he said, "Why, sure, I knew him well, and he was well when he left, in April, 1943, so that is pretty good news, isn't it?

Harold, be sure if you are sent over soon you write home often, and don't worry about anything, just watch out for those darn Japs and Germans. You've been here for so long I just can't believe you are going over, Harold.

I went home last week-end, and Mother and Daddy are fine, of, course, they feel pretty bad about your going over, but there isn't anything any of us can do about it. I'll pray for you every night, and I hope you go somewhere and be in the office.

I haven't heard from Buddy Block. I owe him a letter. I guess he is still in Monroe, La., I don't know.

Tell Nat I'll write him often, and also tell Fancher hello for me, and lots of luck to all of you, and write as often as you can, Harold. Try to see Daddy's sister in California, and write, hear, and I'll try to write you everyday.

Love,

Lottie

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416689
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31-A — c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

[Sender's name]
Lottie Bank
[Sender's address]
3018 - 5th St.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

[Date]
March 28, 1944

Dearest Harold,

Mother and I are in the store again today - we had a darn good day yesterday - Daddy called last nite - I don't know when he is coming back - probably Thursday - He received a letter from his sister Minnie in California and she was sorry you didn't get to come to see her - Harold, I don't know where you are but if you ever get to Australia don't forget that Harold Stein in there - I don't know his address but if you do get there let me know and I'll send it to you - There's not much news here - It's been raining a lot - Write often when you can - And tell the boys hello - Mother said hello -

If you still want a checkerboard or food send a request -

Love
Lottie

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20916637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - B - Ch Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
3018 - 5th St.
(Sender's address)
Tuscaloosa, Ala
March 30, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold

Daddy called again last nite - He's leaving tonite - I hope - Everyone there is fine - Did you know Rae Daniel had two children? Her Mother was in here a while ago - Brr - it's cold here - You should see the river - It rained for 3 days and traffic was stopped to Northport - Harold, don't forget to let Mother and me know when we can send you a box - Don't you have to have a request? I'll tell you again that we heard from Bert Mabel is - Bring him back home with you - That's what Daddy tells people - That you went over to bring him back - How's Nat and Pauline? Tell them hello for me - Business has been good since Daddy left - He should leave more often - If you see anyone you know let us know - Mother said hello and when she's not nervous she might write you - You know Mother -

Lottie

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
3018 5th St.
(Sender's address)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
March 31, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, daddy hasn't come back yet. He should be in tonite - did you know Willys Pearson was a Lt. Col. Not bad, hub? Harold, in case you haven't read the papers they're within a very close distance of Berl - Isn't that wonderful? It was a special announcement last nite - Just got a wire from daddy saying he'll be home tonite - thank goodness - Mother said it makes her nervous to watch the shukie and see that she doesn't take anything - In case you're interested my birthday is April 5 next wednesday - Just in case you forgot - Why don't you send me something from where you are - You know, something different - Well, Mother said hello and take care of yourself and write often

Love
Lottie

V-MAIL

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Lottie [illegible]nk
(Sender's name)
1901 - 4th Ave So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
April 5, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Haven't written you since Sat. Mother and daddy are fine - Daddy came each Friday nite - Today's my birthday and I'm going to a little party thiste - Aunt Bess and Uncle Joe are going to Jacksonville tomorrow - I'm going Friday afternoon - I think it's time we heard from you, isn't it? Have you received all my mail? did you know Reese and Sue had a boy? He's in some school now in Memphis - Haven't heard from Bert again - dreamed about him last nite and he surely did look good - Mother came in yesterday and left today - No more news so take care and write -

Love

Lottie

V-MAIL

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
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San Francisco, California

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)
April 8, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD

CAME HOME YESTERDAY FOR PESACH AND AUNT BESS AND UNCLE JOE ARE HERE. WE HAD A VERY NICE SEDAR BUT WE SURELY DID MISS YOU ALL. ROSA THE SHUCKIE PLAYED THE PIANO AND SANG AND SHE CAN REALLY PLAY. DADDY FIXED HER AND THE OTHER SHUCKIE UP WITH SCHNOPPS AND WINE MIXED AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM. MOLLIE STARTED DANCING AND GETTING RELIGIOUS. I HAD THREE GLASSES OF WINE MYSELF. IT SURELY IS GOOD STUFF. DADDY BROUGHT IT FROM CHICAGO. WE CALLED AUNT ANNIE AND AUNT STELLA LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD TALKING TO THEM. I CAME DOWN TO THE STORE THIS MORNING TO HELP DADDY AND HERE ISIT TALKING TO DADDY. STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU BOY. OH, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MRS. MCDUFF AND SHE SAID BRO HAD BEEN SENT OVER A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO FROM THE SAME PLACE YOU LEFT FROM. IT WOULD BE FUNNY IF YOU RAN INTO HIM WOULDN'T IT? SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS BUT AS SOON AS I FIND OUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW. HAROLD, WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM BERT SINCE I LAST WROTE YOU ABOUT IT BUT WHEN WE DO I'LL LET YOU KNOW. HOPE HE'LL BE HOME SOON AND YOU TOO. HOW IS NAT DOING? IS HE TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU? I TOLD HIM TO. NOW, LISTEN, LET ME KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE ALL OF MY LETTERS AND LET ME KNOW IF NAT DID TOO. MOTHER AND AUNT BESS AND UNCLE JOE ARE HOME SHOOTING THE BULL. BUT THEY WILL BE DOWN SOON. YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT DADDY HAS ON TODAY. HE HAS ON A GARRISON CAP, A SERGEANT'S PIN, A CAPTAIN'S PIN, AND AN ARMY SHIRT. PEOPLE COME IN AND THINK HE IS A SOLDIER. HA, HA. WELL, NO MORE ROOM SO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SELF AND WRITE OFTEN. TELL ALL THE BOYS HELLO AND LET US KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

LOVE

LOTTIE

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "H", 167th Infantry
APO 71-B,
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham, Ala.
April 10, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Came back to Birmingham this morning and Mother and Daddy are fine. We called Aunt Annie and Aunt Stella Friday night and they are fine. We had a very nice Seder only we missed you. Received a letter from Ruth today and she is going to New York next Sunday. She has never been there before and she is so excited. We received a V-mail letter from A.L. but he couldn't tell us where he is. When I find out I'll let you know. Aunt Bess and Uncle Joe aren't coming back until tomorrow. They just decided they would stay another day. There's no news here. We are still waiting to hear from you. I'm just dying to know where you are. Harold, the more I think about it, wouldn't it be funny if you and Bert came home the same time? I don't think it will be very long now, do you, or do you know what is going on in the world? You probably don't. I'm trying not to break Passover and I'm going to see if I can stick it out until it's over. I don't think I stuck to it last year, but maybe it will drive my sins away if I do this year. Daddy overate over the week-end, and didn't feel so good yesterday. Unusual, isn't it? I guess he is alright by now. He hasn't gotten his teeth put in yet. Isn't that terrible? He said he can't get away from the store, but that's a lot of nonsense. Mother goes to the store everyday, and there is no reason why he can't go and get them. He just doesn't want to. You write him and tell him about it. Maybe you can do some good. There just isn't any more news, so tell the boys hello and write as often as you can, and let me know if you get V-mail faster than regular mail, hear? Take care of yourself and let us hear from you.

Love,

Lottie

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A P O 31-S, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

April 15, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, it's time we heard from you and we are still waiting. I guess it won't be long now, though. There is no news. Daddy came to town wed. and took Emanuel back with him for a few days. He is fine and still full of fun. Ruth will be leaving tomorrow for N.Y. and she is supposed to call me if she has any spare time. Hope she does. I'm going down to see her when she comes back. Had some pictures made and they didn't come out so good so I'm having some more made, so I'll send you one if you want it. I want one that makes me look glamorous, you know. Haven't heard from Bert again. I often wonder if he gets any of our mail. Boy, you should have received lots of mail from me by now. Have you? Let me know, hear? Well, now that rasp[illegible] over I guess I'll go on my diet again. You know I'll bet I'll be re[illegible] when you come back. Mother and Daddy are fine. Mother is supposed t[illegible] in for a few days, but I don't know when it will be. Harold, please send me something from wherever you are, you know, something different, hose, or something out of the ordinary. I'll be looking for a package from you, and don't forget to write us what you want, so we can send it to you, hear? I heard from Naomi last week and she said she hasn't heard from you in a long time, so write her when you can, hear? Saw "A Guy Named Joe" the other night and it was wonderful. I surely did cry, too. You saw it before you left, didn't you? "A Lady in the Dark" is here now, so I guess I'll see it tonight. Last night I went to see Oscar Levant at the auditorium and he was wonderful, and can he play a piano, and he is clever as he can be, too. Harold, let me know if you'd rather I wrote V-Mail or ordinary mail, hear? I don't know which gets to you the fastest, so let me know.
There isn't any more news, so I guess I'll close and be sure and write often as you can, and take care of yourself, and tell Pat and Pancher hello.

Love,

Lottie

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Co. "H", 157th Infantry,
APO 81-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Rank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave, So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham, 5 Ala.

April 17, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

I don't know where you are but it surely is taking you a long time to get there. Gosh, you must be on the other side of the entire world. How about it? There's not much news here. I've been writing you almost every day or every other day so you should have quite a bit of mail by now. There's no news. I stayed in Birmingham last week-end and had a pretty good time. Yesterday we took some technicolor pictures and I surely do hope they come out good. I'm so disgusted with my other pictures, the ones I had made. I'm having some more made this week. Hope they come out better than the other ones. I'm going to send you some. Spoke to Mrs. Fancher Saturday and she said she surely is worried. She hasn't heard from Russell either, but I don't guess it will be long now, do you? I guess Ruth is on her way to N.Y. by now. She left yesterday. She didn't call me so I guess she didn't have a stopoff here. Spoke to Mother yesterday and she and Daddy are fine, and so is business. Daddy said he writes you nearly everyday. Do you get them? Harold, don't forget to send me something and let me know exactly where you are if you can. Ate dinner over to Aunt Bessie's yesterday and Ed and his wife were there. She isn't bad looking and they seem to be pretty happy. Jimmie is in N.Y. somewhere. Seamie will graduate soon. Saw Cousin Rae yesterday, and Emanuel left yesterday. He's so funny. I can't think of anything else to say, so write when you can, and when we hear from Bert I'll let you know. You might see him before we do. I sent A.L. your address, so maybe he'll write you. I don't know where he is. Tell everyone hello and we're still waiting to hear from you. Take care of yourself and don't work too hard.

Love

Lottie

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold I. Bank 20416697
Co. "F", 167th Infantry
APO 31-3, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1201 4th Ave. Ne.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 5, Ala.
April 18, 1945
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Gosh, this writing everyday is hell, because I don't know what to write. Well, let's see. Went in to see Jeanie Panther last night. She is working at Sav Utilities, so I'm going to meet her one day for lunch. She surely is cute, and so is Russell. Brought me two cute dresses last night, one yellow print, and a red linen with jersey print on it, and it is really cute. You will like that one, it's very slenderizing. Tonight I'm going to the Ice Skate Revue. It's supposed to be very good. I like anything like that so I guess I'll enjoy it. There was a big writeup in the paper about Sam. Person, a letter he wrote to someone, but he still didn't say where he was, but I know you are with him, and from the letter he wrote I've got a pretty good idea where you are, Harold. What have you seen? Please write me everything you see, and you ought to keep a diary of everything. Mother and Daddy are fine, so don't worry about them, and still waiting to hear from you. I'll let you know the exact date and time we hear from you so don't worry about it. I just wrote a letter to Hazel, but I never know what to write her. I don't know where to go on my vacation this summer, if Mother will go to N.Y. I'll go and stop over to see Blanche in Philadelphia. She has moved there now, so I don't know where I'll go. I might not even go anywhere being it's so hard to travel, and they are asking everyone not to travel at this time, so I'll let you know further on this subject.

There's no more so write often, and I will, too.

Love,

Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Rank 20416627
Co. "E", 157th Infantry,
APO 31-2, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Rank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Bham 3, Ala.

April 22, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Mother was here for three days and she rested up pretty well, I think. She looks good and seems to be feeling a little better, but still waiting to hear from you. When are you going to write? Had a pretty nice date Thursday night. We went to the Continental Room for cocktails and then to Joy Young's for dinner, and then to the Ice Revue. It surely is good. The ice skaters are so graceful. I really did enjoy it. I saw it the first part of the week, too. I was supposed to go to see Freida this week-end, but decided I would wait until next week-end, being as I bought me two dresses this week. One of them is really cute, red. Sammie will be home in a few weeks. I wonder how he likes. Cousin Rae said he surely has been working hard. I'm going to have some more pictures taken this afternoon. Hope they come out better than the other ones. Harold, there was a writeup in the paper about Gen. Parsons, it was a letter written to one of his friends telling of some of his experiences on the way over, but it didn't say where he was, so I know you are with him, anyway, aren't you? Hi and Priscilla were over to Aunt Bessie's, the other night and she is pretty nice, and right attractive. She likes me. We're going swimming a lot this summer. She has a car, so that makes everything perfect, but I don't know where the gas is coming from, do you? No more news from Burt, but still waiting. There's no more news so I guess I'll close, and write as often as you can, and don't forget to send me something and send a request for anything you want. Let me know about sending packages to you, hear? Tell Nat and Fencher hello and take care of yourself.

Love,

Lottie

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 2

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt, Harold L. Bank 20416657
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave, So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 5, Ala.

April 27, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, at last, this morning Mother called me and said she received a letter from you and also the same paper that you sent me, "The Over-Sea-Er", and I'm right proud of you for winning that prize. Where did you ever get the idea? How about sending me those cigarettes, being as you don't smoke? Just a hint, Harold, it was Stanley who died. That is the reason Daddy went to Chicago. He was on maneuvers and contracted double pneumonia, and wouldn't give up and finally collapsed. I wasn't going to write you about it, but I guess Jake told you because his sister said she wrote him about it. It was terrible, and Daddy said Aunt Stella was very brave. Mother said you wrote her that it was Bobby, but it was Stanley. I never saw him, didyou? I hope we hear from Bert soon, because it looks like MacArthur is really going after those boys. Wouldn't it be funny if you met up with him? I keep thinking this month is March so if I have dated a lot of your letters that way it's for that reason. Harold, do you write Bert? You should, they would probably get to him quicker being as you are where you are, don't you think? There's not much news here. I went over to Aunt Bessie's, last night and they are all fine. Jim is in Norfolk, Va, right now. Have you written everyone? You should. There isn't anymore news so I guess I'll close and write often and don't forget to send me something. You should be able to get cigarettes cheap.

Love,

Lottie

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 34416697
Co. "F", 167th Infantry
APO 31-3, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave., No.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 8, Ala.
April 28, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Hello Colette received a letter from John today, so I guess Mother heard from you, I don't know, because I haven't heard from her as yet. I guess she will hear from you one day this week. He said he received quite a bit of mail. You must have, too, have you? How do you like it there? It's a little different, I guess. There's not much news here, Mother and Daddy are fine. I stayed in town last weekend, and had a wonderful time. I haven't had so much fun in a long time. Boy, I really had a day of rest Sunday. I didn't get up until one o'clock and went back to bed and stayed in bed all afternoon and went to the show Sunday night and it was terrible. Saw "Lady in the Dark" last week and it was pretty good, but I don't care for Ginger Rogers, do you? Harold, you're not so very far from Bert right now, did you know it? Maybe you'll will be seeing each other soon,. I hope, That would really be funny, wouldn't it? Tell him hello for me, hear? I think I'm going home this week-end, I'm not sure. Business is pretty good with Daddy. Harold, don't forget to write me a request for anything you want, hear, and I'll send it to you. Find out if you do have to have a request, so Mother can send you some things, too, hear? And don't forget to send me something, hear? Max Schaeffer has a brother who is an officer in New Guinea, I'll find out his address and you can look him up. I think he is a dentist, and they say he is a real nice fellow. I think Arlene's brother is there, too, isn't he? Let me know if you bump into anyone you know, hear? You should, because there are plenty men there and you should know some of them. Well, I'll write again tomorrow, and let me know if you'd rather I wrote V-mail or straight mail, hear? Tell all the boys hello and tell Nat when he answers my letter I'll promise to answer promptly. Take care of yourself and write,

Lottie

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORMAT NO. 11

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

April 29, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

I come home this afternoon and Mother and Daddy received a letter from you. I received a letter too today written Mar. 7, and that's a long time ago. Harold, Daddy said he doesn't know how Ludwig Block is, why didn't you let Daddy know a little about him? I don't know because I haven't heard. I think Daddy understands why you want to know about him. There's not much news. I guess by now you have received lots of mail from me, haven't you? I hope so. So you haven't had any milk? Poor thing. What in the world did you grow a moustache for? You look terrible with one. Gosh, you must look funny with your hair cut, don't you? Gosh, it must be hot the way you talk about the heat. You don't sound like you're working so hard. I didn't write Ruth about your seeing Martelle. I haven't heard from her in a few weeks. She is still in N.Y., I guess. Gosh, I just laughed until I cried. Daddy just showed me his teeth. He keeps them wrapped up in a piece of paper, he said they hurt his gums, but they look nice on him, but I'm telling you it surely does look funny after seeing him without them for so long. Haven't heard from Bert, but I hope it won't be long before you see him because you're closer to him than we are, you know. Where are you, anyway, or is it a military secret? We surely would like to know where you are. Daddy is still in Louisiana. Harold, Daddy doesn't understand about his father, if you get what I mean and I'm sure you do, so what are you going to do about it, huh? How is Nat? Tell him he owes me a letter, hear? I'm sure he must have received it, ask him, hear? Mother and Daddy tickle me. Daddy is trying to get Mother to put some powder on her face and she said what's the use, we'll soon go home. It is now 6:40 P.M. Where were you last year this date and time? Come, come, now, quick, where were you? I'll bet you don't even remember, do you? Harold, Bill Deel is somewhere in New Guinea. Why don't you try to locate him? Let me know if you see anyone you know, hear? There are heaps of men there and I'm sure you should know somebody. Sammie is coming home May 6 for nine days and then he doesn't know where he is going then. Harold, please let us know what you want us to send you, and let me know if you have to have a request. Could I send you some cookies? I'm sure they would keep. Just let me know, hear? Malvern came down today and he'll be here tomorrow. Aunt Minnie is coming in. Tomorrow is Beverley's birthday so they are all going out to dinner. I guess we'll go, too, if Mother feels like it. You know her, she never likes to go anywhere, but I'll persuade her. Aunt Annie might go to Miami this summer and if she does she might stop over her. I hope. I'm trying to get Mother to go to N.Y. but I don't know if she will give in or not. Business is pretty good, but Daddy said to hurry home because he needs you in the store. Rosa, the shuckie said hello, Harold, dont forget to write to all of the folks if you remember the addresses. If you need some, let me know and I'll send them to you. Mother and Daddy said hello and take care of yourself. Write often, and tell all the boys hello.

Love,

Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lott... nk
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave, So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 1, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

My, I got three letters from you this morning, dated April 13, 14, and April 1, and the April 1 came later than the others. Harold, I thought I would die laughing reading about the boys vomiting on the ship. I can just see you sitting aside laughing. I went home last week-end and in case you're interested this is Monday, and Mother and Daddy are fine. Malvern was down for the week-end and Aunt Minnie and Uncle Morris came over and spent the evening with us. I didn't get to work until eleven o'clock this morning. Oh, ther is something I wanted to ask you. Why do you date your letters like this: 7 Mar 1944? I just wondered. I forgot the date we received Bert's card but it was in March, wish we'd got another one, Harold, why don't you answer the questions I ask you? I got the hint about Ludwig Monk, so you didn't even go near Aunt Minnie's, well, you really went in a round about way, didn't you? So Sam Goldblatt is over there, huh? Have you seen him yet? Don't forget to try to find Bill Beal, and I don't remember who else is over there. I received the paper you sent me about winning that prize, and I think it's cute. I'm going downtown tomorrow and get your bathing trunks so I guess you'll be getting them before long. I'll also try to send you some food. I don't know what food will keep, tho' but I'll try and I'll send you a checker-board and paper plates, so don't worry you'll get them eventually. I haven't heard from Ruth since she was in N.Y. Harold, do you write all these? Don't forget if you haven't my address of anyone you want let me know and I'll send them to you. Do you remember a Bill Smith, from Brookwood or Kellerman? Anyway, I was standing in the Terminal Station waiting on the train and there were hundreds of soldiers there waiting for trains, and this Bill Smith came over to me and asked if I wasn't Bert's sister, and he just wanted to know about him, etc. Do you remember him? I remember his face, Harold, if you don't forget Mother's Day is May 14 and if you can send Mother something or a wire, I don't know what I am going to give her. I'm going to have those pictures finished and you'll get them before long. I think they are pretty good but I don't think they flatter me in any way. I might go to Montgomery next week-end if all is well. Then when Ruth gets back I'm going down to Hattiesburg for a week-end, Harold, you didn't write me whether you would rather I wrote V-mail or ordinary mail. Have you received any mail from Daddy yet? He said he writes you everyday. If I go to N.Y. this summer, which I don't know yet, send me Nat's folks name and phone number and I'll call them up. Which Weinfeld is it, do you know? I'm going over to Mrs. Greenberg's tonight and I'll probably stay there a few nights because her husband is out of town. She surely is a nice person and so wonderful to me. Her sons are still in Atlanta, lucky boys, Harold, let me know when you bump into anyone you know, hear? Be sure and write to Aunt Annie, it's 304 Main St., Huntington L.I., N.Y. She might go to Miami soon to be with Nelson't wife when she has her baby. They haven't heard from Nelson in 3 weeks, and don't know where he is. He studied tropical diseases so I guess he'll be near where you are. When I find out I'll let you know, hear? Jake Goletta's brother came home yesterday unexpectedly, and he looks good, but he surely can shoot the bull, you know, Jake is so quiet, and they are just the opposite. You know, people say they can't get much on a V-mail, but I seem to be doing pretty good, don't I? Do you have any trouble reading it? I shouldn't think you would. Take that moustache off before you come home whatever you do, and, oh, Harold, please take some pictures and send them to me. Have you got a camera, and please answer all the questions I ask you, will you, please? Well, I guess I've come to the bottom, so take care of yourself and don't let those mosquitos give you malaria, but I know, you're tough. Tell Nat and Pancher hello and find out if Nat got my

V-MAIL

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To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 81-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
May 2, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Gosh, I walked myself to death today buying the things you requested. I got the trunks, V-mail, some candy and the checkerboard, but I didn't send you any food because I don't know what to get and in the first place it would weigh too much, so what can I send? I'm mailing it tomorrow because I forgot your letter of request and I have to have it so I'll get it tonight. I hope you get the box soon. Spent the nite with Mrs. Greenberg last night and we played gin rummy and I beat her two games, I think. Harold, I guess by now you received the letter I wrote you about Stanley, I don't know why you had the idea it was Bobby. It was a terrible thing, but I guess it was just meant. Daddy sent me your V-mail letters he received yesterday and Harold, the print is so small he could hardly read it so you'd better start writing them all in capital letters or write ordinary mail. Do you have any trouble reading my letters? I type them all and I get a lot on them, too, don't I? Think I'm going to see Deanna Durbin in "His Butler's Sister". They say it is a cute picture. I might go to Montgomery this week-end, but I'm not sure yet. I can't get over how stupid we were not to get the hint about Ludwig Bloch. I couldn't imagine all of a sudden you kept writing about him, but I get it now. Gosh, it looks like it won't be long before the invasion, and that is really going to be something. Do you ever get a newspaper on the news of the day? Harold, are you still working in the office? You never have mentioned what you are doing. Write and tell me, and whatever you do, please answer all of my questions. You never do. I surely did feel sick bad about those hose, but you can send me something the natives made. Incidentally, how are the natives? Have you seen any "WHITE" ones yet? I'll bet you haven't seen a white woman since you left the states, have you? I don't know any news except that Mother and Daddy are alright, and try to write them as often as you can, Harold.

Well, this is all for this time, so be good and take care of yourself, and write and let me know when you get the box.

Love,
Lottie

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO. 3

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To PVT. HAROLD L. BANK 20414289
CO. "F", 93RD INFANTRY
APO-93-B, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

From
LOUISE BANK
(Sender's name)
1901 4TH AVE. SO.
(Sender's address)
BIRMINGHAM 5, ALA.
MAY 8, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, I'VE GOT YOUR BOX ALL FIXED UP NOW, AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GO TO THE POST OFFICE AND HAVE IT MAILED, WHICH WILL BE TODAY, GOD KNOWS WHEN YOU WILL GET IT, BUT LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU DO, THEY SAY IT TAKES A LONG TIME FOR ONE TO GET A BOX OVERSEAS. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU TODAY, AND I SURE YOU SURE HAROLD, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF FOOD TO SEND. I HAVE SO MUCH CANNED FOOD BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IS ALL YOU GET. I WENT TO SEE "HIS BUTLER'S SISTER" LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD, OH, I GOT A LETTER FROM HOPE TODAY AND SHE JUST GOT BACK FROM N. Y, AND SAID SHE FOUND A LETTER FROM YOU, SHE SAID SHE SURELY WAS GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. SHE ASKED ME WERE I WAS COMING HOME TO SEE HER, BUT I DON'T KNOW AS YET. GOSH, THIS WRITING YOU EVERYDAY SURELY LEVES ME OUT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WRITE, HOW IS HAT? I'VE ASKED YOU FIVEY TIMES IF HE RECEIVED MY LETTER AND YOU NEVER HAVE TOLD ME YET WHETHER HE DID OR NOT, SO I'LL EXPECT AN ANSWER FROM HIM IF HE DID GET IT, TELL HIM, I TOOK MY PICTURE DOWN TODAY SO MY FINISHED PICTURES WILL BE READY NEXT WEEK, AND I'LL SEND THEM RIGHT ON TO YOU. I HOPE YOU LIKE THEM. LET ME KNOW WHICH ONE YOU LIKE THE MOST, HEARY YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT SHARON LEWIS WILL HOW THE ELECTION LAST NIGHT FOR THE SENATE. I SURELY AM GLAD BECAUSE I DIDN'S WANT SIMPSON TO WIN IT.

HAROLD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR MONEY? SAVING ANY? HOW ABOUT SETTING ME SOME? THING OVER THERE AND SEND IT TO ME, HEARY DIDN'T YOU GET AN INCREASE IN PAY OR AM I WRONG?

I HAVE TO WRITE BEET TODAY SO I'D BETTER CLOSE. AFTER ALL IT IS TWO O'CLOCK AND I THINK I SHOULD GET TO WORK, SO WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU [illegible] AND LET ME KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE. WE STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT, ARE YOU ON [illegible] OR WHERE?

WELL, GOODBYE NOW AND WRITE ANON SOON [illegible] SWEETHEART DEAR,

LOVE,

LOUISE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416697
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 81-5, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 5, Ala.

May 4, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

WELL? I FINALLY WENT DOWN TODAY AND MAILED YOUR BOX. I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'LL GET IT BUT IT'S GONE ANYWAY. BOY, IT'S GETTING HOT TODAY AND I SURELY DO HATE TO SEE IT COME. HAROLD, I SAW SOME PICTURES TODAY OF A MR. WARNER'S NEPHEW WHO IS IN NEW GUINEA AND YOU ARE REALLY IN THE JUNGLES. HE HAD SOME PICTURES OF THE NATIVE WOMEN AND BOY THEY ARE SOMETHING. THEY DRESS VERY MODERN DON'T THEY?????????????? YOU NEVER MENTION THEM. I CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL YOU SEND THOSE PICTURES YOU SAID YOU MADE. I'M SURE THEY MUST ALL BE OF YOU, AREN'T THEY? MY PICTURES WILL BE READY NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THEY'LL REACH YOU SOON I GUESS. HAROLD DON'T FORGET TO SEND MOTHER SOMETHING FOR MOTHER'S DAY WHICH IS MAY 14. I WAS THINKING OF GETTING A CARD AND SENDING IT FOR YOU BUT I DON'T GUESS YOU WILL FORGET WILL YOU? TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP WON'T YOU? HOW LONG DID IT TAKE FOR YOU TO GET THERE? AND WHAT I WANT TO KNOW MOST OF ALL IS WHERE ARE YOU? DID YOU EVER FIND SAM GOLDSTEIN? GUESS WHO I DREAMED ABOUT LAST NIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE. BOBB OTHER THAN MAMIE WALKER. I WONDER WHERE SHE IS NOW. I'VE BEEN STAYING WITH MRS. GREENBERG THIS WEEK BECAUSE HER HUSBAND IS OUT OF TOWN. I THINK I AM REALLY GOING TO MONTGOMERY THIS WEEK-END AFTER ALL. I'LL PROBABLY LEAVE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. HOW ARE THE COCONUTS WHERE YOU ARE? DO YOU EVER EAT ANY? HAROLD I SAW A SOLDIER AT THE ICE REVUE RECENTLY AND HE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE YOU FROM A DISTANCE. I WAS SITTING UPSTAIRS AND HE WALKED IN AND I HELD MY BREATH FOR A MINUTE WHEN I REALIZED YOU WERE IN NEW GUINEA. PARDON ME WHILE I EAT A HOT DONUT AND I MEAN THEY ARE REALLY GOOD TOO. GREASY AS THEY CAN BE.

WELL I CAN THINK OF NO MORE TO DAY SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND MOTHER AND DADDY ARE FINE AND BUSINESS TOO. WRITE OFTEN AND I WILL TOO.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORMAT NO. 37

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To SGT. Harold L. Hunt 35436697
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-2, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Hunt
[Sender's name]
1801 4th Ave. So.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 5, Ala.
May 5, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, HERE I GO AGAIN WITH NOTHING TO SAY. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU SINCE TUESDAY, WHAT IS THE MATTER? I SEE WHERE YOU DON'T WRITE AS OFTEN AS I DO BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME THAT I DO. MOTHER CALLED THIS MORNING AND WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SENDING A BOX TO YOU, SHE WANTS TO SEND SOME FOOD AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND TO SEND, BUT SHE WILL PROBABLY FIND OUT SO MAYBE YOU WILL BE GETTING A BOX FROM HER SOON, TOO. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET MY BOX, SOON, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET PLENTY OF LETTERS BE-FORE YOU GET A BOX, I'LL TRY TO SEND YOU SOME CANDY NEXT WEEK, I'M LEAVING AT THE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING FOR MONTGOMERY, HOPE I HAVE FUN. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEND THOSE PICTURES YOU TOOK? I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET THEM, I WROTE BERT TODAY AND I'M GOING TO SEND HIM SOME PICTURES OF ME NEXT WEEK SOME TEST ARE READY, HAROLD, DO YOU EVER WRITE BERT? I'LL BET YOU DON'T, YOU SHOULD, I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM YOU WERE OVERSEAS, IN CASE YOU DID NOT GET MY LETTER ABOUT STANLEY'S DEATH. IT WAS STANLEY SIBLEAN AND NOT BOBBY, WHAT EVER GAVE YOU THE IDEA IT WAS BOBBY? I'M GOING OVER TO AUNT BESSIE'S TONIGHT AND WILL SPEND THE NIGHT THERE,

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HAZEL IN A LONG TIME, DID YOU WRITE HER? I THINK I'LL WRITE AND FIND OUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH HER,

SADIE SHOWED ME A LETTER THIS MORNING SHE GOT FROM JAKE AND SOME, THERE IS A BIG PIECE CUT OUT CENSORED, DON'T THAT A SHAME? NOTHING HAS BEEN CUT OUT OF ANY OF YOUR LETTERS SO FAR THANK GOODNESS, WHY DON'T YOU WRITE A LOT AND MAYBE THEY WILL OVERLOOK AND FORGET TO CENSOR YOUR LETTER? I WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, WHY DON'T YOU TELL DADDY HE'S THE ONE TO TELL IF YOU GOT WHAT I MEAN, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO AFTER BERT? YOU'RE NOT VERY FAR, I SEE IN THE PAPER TODAY WHERE THEY TRAPPED 60,000 JAPS IN NEW GUINEA, ARE YOU NEAR THERE? HAVE YOU BEEN IN ANY ACTION SINCE YOU ARE THERE OR CAN YOU WORKING IN THE OFFICE, I HOPE,

WELL, SO LONG AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND I CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE NEWS SO WRITE,

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORMAT NO. 37

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No.

To Sgt Harold L Bank
20416637
Co "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 - 4th Ave - So
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala
MAY 9, 1944
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dearest Harold,

Got a letter from Pat today and sure was glad to hear from him. went to town last nite but didn't buy anything. All the girls from the office are going out for dinner tonight - Catherine is home and is a 2nd Lt. - talked to Cousin Pre today - she said she received that paper from you - Harold, Nat said you'll didn't receive any mail for a long time - I wonder why - I write you everyday - would you rather I wrote regular letters? Just let me know, dear! Mother and Daddy are O.K. Mother might have one for Mother's Day - well, not much to say today so be good and write often - Love and hugs & kisses to you Pat & Father Love today.

V-MAIL

No. _____

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-3, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1801 4th Ave., So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 8, 1944
(Date)

Dearest HAROLD,

I DIDN'T WRITE YOU SATURDAY OR SUNDAY AND TODAY IS MONDAY SO I THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE YOU. I WENT TO MONTGOMERY SATURDAY MORNING AND LEFT THIS MORNING AT 8:30 AND GOT TO HOME AT 7:30 SO I AM REALLY WORN OUT MOSTLY FROM LACK OF SLEEP. I THINK I'LL GO TO BED TONIGHT AND STAY THERE. HAROLD, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU DATED BOTH APRIL 17 AND I THINK THAT IS PRETTY GOOD TIME, DON'T YOU? YOU SAID YOU HADN'T HEARD FROM DADDY IN QUITE A WHILE, HE TOLD ME HE WRITES YOU EVERYDAY SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. NOW, DON'T GO WORRYING ABOUT MOTHER SHE IS ALRIGHT AND IF SOMETHING WAS WRONG I WOULD LET YOU KNOW SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER. SHE MIGHT COME UP SUNDAY FOR MOTHER'S DAY. I HOPE YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO SEND HER A CARD OR SOMETHING. MY PICTURES WILL BE READY WEDNESDAY SO YOU'LL GET THEM SOON. I HOPE YOU LIKE THEM. LET ME KNOW, HEAR? I SURELY DID HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME IN MONTGOMERY. I HAD A DATE WITH A HANDSOME BLONDE SATURDAY NIGHT AND WE SURELY DID HAVE A LOT OF FUN. I ALSO HAD A DATE WITH HIM LAST NIGHT. WENT TO THE THEATRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND DANCED. I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE YOU KNOW, THOUGH. OH, VIRGIL SHIRROW'S PICTURE WAS IN THE NATIONAL JEWISH MONTHLY MAGAZINE. HE IS DOING SOME KIND OF WORK IN WASHINGTON. OH, SUE WILT WAS IN THE STORE TWO WEEKS AGO AND ASKED ABOUT YOU. SHE'S PRETTY CUTE, DON'T YOU THINK? OH, I GOT SUCH A LETTER. SHE WROTE ME AFTER SHE CAME BACK FROM NEW YORK AND SAID SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU, TOO. HAROLD, HAVEN'T YOU RECEIVED THE LETTER I WROTE YOU ABOUT STANLEY YET? GOSH, YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN IT BY NOW, AND DON'T FORGET TO LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET THE BOX IF YOU GET IT ANYTIME SOON. I HOPE IT WON'T TAKE LONG. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEE SAM GOLDBLATT? I SURELY AM ANGRY WITH MINNY. I WROTE HER AGAIN AND SHE STILL DOESN'T ANSWER, SO I WROTE MRS. MASO TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS WRONG. I ASKED HER IF ONE OF HER SONS WASN'T IN NEW GUINEA AND I'M WAITING TO HEAR FROM HER. IT'S EITHER ONE OF HER SONS OR ARNOLD'S BROTHER. I DON'T KNOW WHICH. WHAT DO YOU'LL DO FOR ENTERTAINMENT. I SAW BETTY GRABLE IN "PIN-UP GIRL" AT MAXWELL FIELD LAST NIGHT AND IT WAS PRETTY GOOD. I PERSONALLY DON'T LIKE HER VERY MUCH. SHE CAN'T ACT WORTH A DAMN. DID YOU KNOW DAVE HATHON'S LITTLE BROTHER GOT MARRIED TO A SHICKSE? WELL, HE DID ANYWAY IN CASE YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT. I'VE GOT THE INVASION JITTERS. I WONDER WHEN THAT DAMN THING IS GOING TO BE. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE LONG THOUGH, AND I HOPE IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL YOU GO AFTER HERE. HAROLD, HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ACTUAL FIGHTING SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN OVER, AND WHY DON'T YOU WRITE ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP. YOU DON'T WRITE ME AS OFTEN AS I WRITE YOU. ARE YOU STILL WORKING IN THE OFFICE? WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME SOME THINGS? WELL, THERE IS NO MORE NEWS SO I'D BETTER GET TO WORK, SO WRITE OFTEN AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND BE GOOD. TELL NAT HE OWES ME A LETTER, BUT ASK HIM IF HE RECEIVED THE ONE I WROTE HIM, HEAR? ALSO TELL FATHER HELLO FOR ME.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-3, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
[Sender's name]
1901 4th Ave.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 11, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

IT'S ALMOST FIVE O'CLOCK AND IT JUST DAWNED UPON ME THAT I DIDN'T WRITE YOU TODAY, SO HERE GOES. I SENT YOU MY PICTURES TODAY, HOPE YOU LIKE IT. I STARTED TO SEND ANOTHER ONE, A DIFFERENT POSE, BUT DECIDED YOU WOULDN'T WANT BUT ONE. I THINK IT'S PRETTY GOOD, HOW ABOUT YOU? NO REMARKS, PLEASE. IA HOPE YOU GET IT SOON, HAROLD, I WENT OUT TO BESSEMER LAST NIGHT WITH SIS AND COUSIN RAE HAD A RECEPTION FOR SAMMIE, PARDON, LT. SAMMIE JOSEPH. HE LOST ABOUT TWENTY POUNDS AND LOOKS GOOD. HE GOES BACK TO CAMP LEE TO REPORT AND HE THINKS HE'LL BE SENT ACROSS IN A FEW MONTHS. HE TOLD ME JACK GREENSTEIN HAS A SON 1st LT AND STATIONED IN THE CANAL ZONE, AND DID YOU KNOW HE GOT MARRIED? SAMMIE TOLD ME, IT SURELY WAS A HIGH RECEPTION. SAMMIE HAS YOUR ADDRESS AND IS GOING TO WRITE YOU, HE SAID, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU SINCE MAY 4 AND THAT'S A LONG TIME. WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY FROM ME? I'LL EXPECT A LOT OF THEM AT ONE TIME, I BELIEVE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WRITING, HAROLD, OR HAVE YOU MOVED? DID YOU EVER RECEIVE ANYMORE MAIL FROM DADDY? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, HE TOLD ME HE WRITES YOU EVERY DAY, HE AND MOTHER ARE COMING IN SUNDAY FOR MOTHER'S DAY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO GET MOTHER. I JUST HOPE SHE GETS SOMETHING FROM YOU, SURELY YOU BOYS KNOW IT'S MOTHER'S DAY, DON'T YOU? I STARTED TO GET A CARD FOR YOU BUT I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T FOR GET AS YOU NEVER DO. I'M GOING OVER TO AUNT BESS'S TONIGHT AND I'LL PROBABLY SPEND THE NIGHT OVER THERE. THAT ARE ALL FINE.

HAROLD, WHEN YOU GET THIS BOX LET ME KNOW SO I'LL KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK YOU TO GET IT, MEAN? I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED IT BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER.

GOT A CARD FROM AUNT TODAY TELLING ME HE AND MOTHER ARE COMING IN SUNDAY AND HE SIGNED IT "SAM AND BESS BANK" AS IF I WOULDN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS FROM. DO YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE HEARING HIS V-MAIL?

DID SPIKE EVER WRITE YOU? I GAVE HIM YOUR ADDRESS AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO WRITE, THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM HE WAS AT FT. BENNING. DID YOU KNOW MRS. ALLEN WAS THERE, TOO?

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY SO BE GOOD AND WRITE ME AND SEND ME SOMETHING WILL YOU? GET ONE OF THOSE NATIVE WOMEN TO MAKE SOMETHING FOR ME AND SEND IT RIGHT AWAY. OH, DON'T FORGET I'M WAITING ON PINS AND NEEDLES TO SEE THOSE PICTURES.

REGARDS TO MAT AND TELL HIM HE OWES ME A LETTER NOW, HA HA.

LOVE,
LOTTIE

V-MAIL

No. _____

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Rank 20416637
Co. "F", 107th Infantry,
APO 31-2, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie [illegible]
(Sender's name)
1903 4th Ave., So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 5, Ala.

May 12, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, ANOTHER DAY, FRIDAY, AND I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY. I WENT OVER TO AUNT BESS'S LAST NIGHT AND THEY ARE ALL FINE. YOU SHOULD SEE THE PICTURES OF JIM AND A SR. LEONARD BOO WHICH IS AS BIG AS HE IS. LINDA IS SO PROUD OF IT. DIDN DID I WRITE YOU THAT HE IS IN NORFOLK, VA.? HE'S STILL A CAPTAIN.

MOTHER AND DADDY WILL BE HERE SUNDAY MORNING AND I SURELY AM GLAD BECAUSE IT SURELY WOULD BE LONESOME FOR THEM TO BE THERE ON MOTHER'S DAY. I AM GOING TO TAKE SOME PICTURES IF IT DOESN'T RAIN, AND I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU.

GOT A LETTER FROM NAOMI THIS MORNING AND SHE IS FINE. SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU IN THE LETTER. DID YOU EVER WRITE HER? SHE SAID HER BROTHER IS OVERSEAS AND HIS APO IS N.Y. SO I GUESS HE IS IN ENGLAND.

WILLENE BEALS GOT MARRIED TO SOME LT. A FEW WEEKS AGO AND DEE WAS DOWN HERE FOR THE WEDDING, AND HE IS A LT. TOO. JOE WAS HERE, TOO, BUT JOE CAN'T. I DON'T THINK LILLE WAS BECAUSE THE PAPER DIDN'T MENTION HER. I THOUGHT I WOULD GET A LETTER FROM YOU TODAY BUT "NO LETTER TODAY". I HAVEN'T HEARD SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY. WHAT'S THE MATTER HONEY YOU HAVEN'T THE MAIL HAS BEEN HELD UP. OR MAYBE YOU ARE IN ACTION AND CAN'T WRITE. I DON'T KNOW.

GOSH, IS IT NOT HERE YET. I SURELY DO HATE TO SEE THIS NOT WEATHER COMING. I'M GOING TO GET ME A GOOD TAN THIS SUMMER, AND I'LL BET I LOOK LIKE A NEGRO. I'LL BET YOU ALREADY LOOK LIKE ONE, DON'T YOU? I'M STILL WAITING FOR SOME PICTURES YOU HAD TAKEN.

I SENT YOU MY PICTURE YESTERDAY. HOPE YOU LIKE IT.

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY, SO I'LL SIGN OFF FOR NOW AND BE GOOD AND WRITE OFTEN. I HOPE I HEAR FROM YOU TOMORROW. REGARDS TO RAY AND PARKER.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Sgt. Harold L. Rank 20416637
Co, "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-3, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Rank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham, 3, Ala.

May 13, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

HERE IT IS SATURDAY AND I'M JUST GETTING READY TO LEAVE FOR THE DAY SO I THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE YOU BEFORE I LEAVE, NO LETTER TODAY FROM YOU BUT I GUESS I'LL HEAR MONDAY. I HOPE I HOPE,

I'M NOT GETTING MOTHER ANYTHING FOR MOTHER'S DAY. I'M GOING TO GET HER A PRETTY CORSAGE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET HER. I'M GOING TO GIVE HER MY PICTURES, THOUGH, AND I THINK SHE'LL LIKE THEM, I HOPE. I SURELY DO HOPE YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO SEND HER SOMETHING, YOU KNOW I'VE GOT A FEELING YOU HAVE MOVED TO SOME OTHER LOCATION. AM I RIGHT OR AM I WRONG? DADDY STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE EXACTLY, YOU KNOW.

IT SURELY IS HOT HERE AND I'M READY TO GO SWIMMING BUT I GUESS I'LL WAIT A WHILE YET.

DON'T HAVE A DATE TONIGHT BUT MAYBE SOMETHING WILL TURN UP. WEN TO SEE "THE NORTH STAR" LAST NIGHT WITH HEDDA HOPPER AND GIRL I WORK WITH AND IT WAS A WONDERFUL BUT A LOT OF NAZI PROPOGANDA. THERE WAS SO MUCH KILLING IN THAT PICTURE I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST DIE.

HOW IS RAY? DID HE GET MY LETTER? HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM MR LATELY?

GOTTA GO NOW, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE OFTEN AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
May 15, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD!

RECEIVED TWO LETters from you today AND ONE OF THEM DIDN'T HAVE A DATE ON IT. ANYWAY YOU SAID YOU WERE DOING SOME KIND OF SCHOOL WORK THAT WOULD HELP YOu IN CIVILIAN LIFE. WHAT IS IT? Oh, the dern typewriter won't work right so I can't use capital letters. Mother and Daddy came in yesterday and we all went over to Aunt Bess's and had a very nice time. I took some pictures and when they are ready I'll send them to you, hear? I can hardly wait to get the ones you had taken. Mother sent you a box about a week ago and she said she is going to send you one every saturday. I know you won't like that, will you? I went dancing at the Y Saturday nite and had a wonderful rush. You should have seen me jitterbugging. Everyone stopped dancing and watched. UMMMM? I surely did have a good time though. I guess the reason you haven't received much mail from Daddy is because he doesn't put that long number of yours on the address, but he said he would start putting it on. I went downtown today to shop with Mother for a dress. I think she found one. Tonight I'm going with her to look for some shoes. How I love that. She never likes anything I like. Daddy is trying to get her to go to Hot Springs with him, but I don't know if she has made up her mind as yet. I hope she goes because it will do her a lot of good. Write her and tell her to go, hear? Did you get my box yet and my picture? Let me know when you get them. I got a ride so I'm finishing this at Aunt Bess's. Mother bought two cute dresses, blue. Looks like she's going to buy some shoes. Daddy called and they said they were sending you the paper. Maybe by now you have some. Mother said one of these days she would write you a long letter. Well, I guess that's all so take care of yourself and let me know what kind of deal you're going to. Will not close. Love Lottie

V-MAIL

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 16, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

GOSH, IT'S SO HOT HERE NOW I WISH I WERE ON THE BEACH. WENT TO TOWN LAST NITE WITH MOTHER AND SHE BOUGHT A GOOD LOOKING PAIR OF SHOES. DADDY SENT ME THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM YOU YESTERDAY AND SO YOU ARE GETTING RELIGIOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN, HUH? WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ACTION SINCE YOU'VE BEEN THERE? PLEASE ANSWER BY RETURN MAIL. AND ANOTHER THING I WANT TO KNOW IS WHERE ARE YOU? JAKE CULIOTTA WROTE HIS SISTER THAT HE HAD SEEN MCARTHER. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? WRITE ME ALL ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU, HAROLD, YOU JUST DON'T ANSWER WHAT I WRITE YOU AND IT MAKES ME MAD.

I'M ON A 1200 CALORIE DIET NOW AND TWO PEOPLE HAVE LOST ABOUT FIFTEEN POUNDS BY IT AND I FIGURED IF THEY CAN DO IT I CAN TOO, SO I'M ON IT, AND I JUST BEGAN AND I STAY HUNGRY ALL THE TIME, BUT I'LL GET USED TO IT I HOPE, BUT I'M DETERMINED TO LOSE WEIGHT, AND WHEN YOU COME BACK YOU WON'T RECOGNIZE ME.

I'M GOING TO START TAKING SUN BATHS THIS WEEKEND AND I'LL BET I'LL BE AS TAN AS YOU BEFORE LONG.

I DON'T HAVE ERO'S ADDRESS WITH ME BUT WHEN I GO HOME I'LL LOOK UP HIS LETTER AND SEND IT TO YOU. I THINK HE IS IN ENGLAND BUT I'M NOT SURE. HIS ADDRESS IS A.P.O. I'LL BET THOSE PEOPLE OVER IN ENGLAND ARE ON NEEDLES AND PINS WAITING FOR THIS INVASION AND I'VE SORTA GOT THE INVASION JITTERS MYSELF. WE HAVE A POT DOWN HERE AT THE OFFICE AND WE EACH PUT A 25¢ IN IT AND PUT DOWN THE DATE HERE WE THINK IT WILL BE AND I PUT DOWN MAY 31 but IT MIGHT BE BEFORE THAT, WHO KNOWS? I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT OVER THERE, THOUGH. DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GO TO THE PHILLIPPINES? WOULDN'T THAT BE FUNNY, THOUGH?

GUESS WHO I DREAMED ABOUT LAST NIGHT? ROSALIE KRISCH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DREAMED BUT I REMEMBER SEEING HER, WHERE IS SHE NOW? HAROLD, DID YOU EVER DROP AUNT ANNIE A LETTER AND THE REST OF THE FOLKS? I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, DID YOU WRITE MACMI? NINA SAID VALERIE HEARD FROM YOU WHILE YOU WERE ENROUTE.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR NOW SO BE GOOD AND WRITE REAL SOON, AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. MAC SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ME BY NOW. INCIDENTALLY, YOU FORGOT TO DATE ONE OF YOUR LETTERS. PLEASE DON'T FAIL TO DO THAT. DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO WRITE V-MAIL?

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.,
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 26, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD

RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY ONE DATED APRIL 27 and THE OTHER DATED MAY 16. BOY THAT IS REALLY SERVICE I'M TELLING YOU. I HOPE YOU BELIEVE ME NOW WHEN I TELL YOU I WRITE EVERYDAY. THE MAIL SERVICE JUST ISN'T VERY GOOD? THAT'S ALL.

I DIDN'T SAY I COULDN'T READ THE PRINT YOU WRITE I SAID DADDY AND MOTHER HAVE TROUBLE SO MAYBE YOU'D BETTER WRITE IN ALL CAPITALS LIKE THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN.

I'M SO ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL YOU ARE GOING TO . CAN'T YOU TELL ME? IT SEEMS YOU NEVER ANSWER ANYTHING I WRITE YOU.

GOSH I THINK IT IS WONDERFUL THAT YOU HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS NOW. I CAN'T GET OVER IT?

SAW "PRIVATE HARGROVE" LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD. I COULD SEE IT AGAIN. HAVE YOU SEEN IT? DON'T MISS IT IF IT EVER COMES THERE. GET DID YOU EVER SEE SAM GOLDSLATT? LET ME KNOW IF YOU DO. I WROTE YOU THAT BILL DEAL IS A CAPT. NOW AND IS IN NEW GUINEA.

DIDN'T YOU GET THE BOX I SENT YOU YET? DON'T FORGET TO LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU DO AND LET ME KNOW IF THE CANDY WAS STILL GOOD SO I'LL KNOW WHETHER TO SEND YOU SOME MORE. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE SEND A LOT OF REQUESTS TO MOTHER BECAUSE SHE SAID SHE IS SENDING YOU A BOX EVERY WEEK AND IT TAKES A LOT OF REQUESTS. GOSH IT POURED DOWN RAIN TODAY BUT IT'S ALL CLEARED UP NOW. IT'S SO NICE AND COOL. I SAW A NEWSREEL OF BOYS IN NEW GUINEA AND I LOOKED MY HEAD OFF FOR YOU BUT "NO SEE". HAROLD JAKE WROTE HIS MOTHER AND SHE GOT THE LETTER THE OTHER DAY AND HE SAID BY THE TIME SHE RECEIVED THAT LETTER HE WOULD BE IN COMBAT. DOES THAT APPLY TO YOU TOO? LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GO INTO ACTION. ALSO LET ME KNOW ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT. I'LL TRY TO SEND YOU SOME MORE CANDY SOON. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE STUFF KEEPS OR NOT SO I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THAT BOX I SENT YOU? I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DID RECEIVE IT DON'T YOU? MOTHER AND DADDY ARE COMING TO BESSEMER SUNDAY AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE AND I'LL MEET THEM THERE.

WELL I GUESS I'VE JUST ABOUT COME TO THE END SO WRITE ME AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND THE PICTURES YOU TOOK. TELL NAT HELLO FOR ME HEAR? TELL HIM HE OWES ME A LETTER.

LOVE

I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE HEAR FROM BERT.
I'M SO WORRIED NOW BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING SO LOTTIE
CLOSE TO THE PHILLIPPINES AND I'M AFRAID THEY MIGHT DO SOMETHING TO HIM.

V-MAIL

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To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave, So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 18, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TODAY DATED APRIL 30 . YOU MAY NOT GET A LETTER FROM ME EVERYDAY BUT I WRITE YOU EVERYDAY, SO THERE. MAXINE'S ADDRESS IS MRS. HORACE LUNTZ, 4830 29TH PLACE, APT. 6, NE, RANIER, MARYLAND, WHO ELSE DO YOU WANT?

MOTHER WENT HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND GOT A RIDE RESIBES, I GUESS SHE'LL GET A REFUND ON HER BUS TICKET. I WENT TO THE PICKWICK LAST NIGHT AND HAD A LOT OF FUN. I SURELY DID WANT TO GET OUT ON THAT FLOOR AND SHOW A LOT OF THOSE PEOPLE HOW TO JITTERBUG, THOUGH. I'M ON A DIET AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE AND I STARVE FROM ONE MEAL TO THE NEXT, BUT I'M SURE I'LL GET RESULTS. I ONLY HAV 1200 CALORIES A DAY. I RECEIVED A VERY SWEET LETTER FROM RUTH YESTERDAY AND SHE SENT ME SOME PICTURES OF HER AND HER SISTERS. RUTH IS REALLY CUTE, AND HER OTHER SISTER IS, TOO, THE YOUNGEST ONE. HER BIRTHDAY WAS LAST WEEK, SHE SAID SHE WAS 21. SHE KEEPS ASKING ME TO COME DOWN, SO I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO REAL SOON. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I DO.

HAROLD, I KNOW A REAL NICE BOY YOU MIGHT TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH IN NEW GUINEA, HE'S AN ANNOUNCER AND HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE VOLLEY BALL GAMES, HIS NAME IS SGT. LOU GELL, SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION, APO 929, C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO, DID YOU EVER HEAR OF HIM? DID YOU EVER HEAR OF MAX SCHAFFER'S BROTHER? HE's A DENTIST, I THINK, BUT I DON'T KNOW HIS ADDRESS.

YOU DON'T SOUND AS IF YOU ARE WORKING HARD, HAROLD, IF YOU ARE EVER ON HOLLANDIA SAY "DID YOU GET A PERMANENT YET, LOTTIE" IF ON MADANG, SAY "DID THEY AIR CONDITION YOUR OFFICE YET, LOTTIE" I'LL WAIT UNTIL I RECEIVE A REPLY FROM THIS LETTER AND IF YOU'RE NOT AT EITHER OF THESE TWO PLACES I'LL FIGURE OUT SOMEMORE. I'LL KEEP A RECORD OF THIS LETTER.

I ALREADY WROTE YOU ABOUT SAMMIE GRADUATING, HE'S AT CAMP LEE NOW, AND HE SAID HE WOULD WRITE YOU, I DON'T KNOW HIS ADDRESS AS YET. STARTING THIS WEEK-END I'M GETTING A NICE TAN, I DON'T KNOW ANY NEWS OF TUSCALOOSA BECAUSE I DON'T GET THE PAPER, BUT WHEN DO YOU THINK THE INVASION WILL BE? WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GO TO THE PHILLIPPINES?

NO MORE FOR TODAY SO BE SURE AND WRITE AND ANSWER THIS LETTER, I'M KEEPING A RECORD OF THIS LETTER, SO BE GOOD AND TELL NAT HE OWES ME A NICE LONG LETTER.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31-B
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901-4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Bham 3, Ala.
May 19, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold

I'm writing this one because I'm not near a typewriter - I guess you can read it though - Went to see "Broadway Rythm" last nite with Ginny Simms and it surely was good - Listen, Honeyboy, you'd better write Mother a lot of requests for food because she said she was going to send you a box every week - don't forget - And write you everyday - I don't understand why you're complaining - Please don't ever write Mother about the terrible food you get - I feel awful about it - It seems to me like you would get the best - Too bad that Lt. Cohen didn't know Bert - well, I hope you see Bert soon - If he's on Mindanao they go from Palau to that island because it's nearer that than Manila - I study maps all the time - I'm going to send you the Bham News if they will - I'm going to spend the week-end with Ed and his wife - I like her - Harold, write Aunt Bess - It's 915 - So. 40th St. - Please believe me when I say I write everyday except Sunday - So Mart is a father - Ruth sent me some pictures of her and her sisters - Say Lelle is nat...

Goodnite - Lottie

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To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 21, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU DATED MAY 8 TODAY, I SPENT THE WEEK-END WITH ED AND PRISCILLA AND I SURELY DID HAVE FUN. SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRISCILLA AND I GOT ON HER ROOF AND TOOK A SUNBATH AND THEN SATURDAY NIGHT WE ALL WENT OUT TO THE BROWN DERBY AND SURELY DID HAVE A LOT OF FUN. SUNDAY MORNING I TOOK A SUNBATH AGAIN. I DON'T KNOW IF I AM ANY DARKER OR NOT BUT I HOPE SO, I'M GOING TO KEEP ON TAKING THEM. GUESS WHAT, JULIUS STEIN IS GETTING MARRIED IN TWO WEEKS, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. HAZE MALKOVE'S COUSIN IS VISITING HER FROM SAVANNAH BY THE NAME OF PAULINE HERSEY AND THEY FIXED HER UP WITH JULIUS AND SHE HAS BEEN HERE THREE WEEKS AND THEY'LL BE MARRIED IN TWO WEEKS. FAST WORK, ISN'T THAT'S THE SECOND RELATION OF MINDY'S THAT HAS MARRIED INTO OUR FAMILY. SHE IS A COUSIN OR MINDY'S. DID YOU EVER MEET ANY HERSEY'S? I DON'T REMEMBER WHETHER I DID OR NOT, BUT I HAVE HEARD OF THEM. THE MANCHU THAT I MENTIONED IN MY LETTER WAS BLANCHE GORDON, AND THEY LIVE IN PHILADELPHIA NOW, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER IN A LONG TIME, AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HAVEN'T YOU RECEIVED THE BOX I SENT YET? I'LL SEND YOU SOME NUTS THIS WEEK IF I DON'T FORGET AND I'LL TRY NOT TO, LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET THE BOX I SENT YOU, HAROLD, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START WRITING ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLACE YOU ARE IN. YOU WROTE ME THAT IT IS JUNGLE LIKE AND LOTS OF PECULIAR LOOKING ANIMALS, BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, BUT I SURELY WOULD LIKE TO. SPOKE TO MOTHER BY PHONE YESTERDAY AND SHE AND DADDY ARE FINE. THEY ARE BOTH COMING IN NEXT SUNDAY FOR CHARLOTTE'S CONFIRMATION IN BESSEMER, I'M GOING OUT, TOO, HAROLD, I SURELY SO LIKE NED'S WIFE, AND SHE SURELY IS GOOD LOOKING, SHE HAS AUBURN HAIR AND JUST AS SWEET AS SHE CAN BE, I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE HER. SHE KNOWS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TUSCALOOSA, AND SHE LIVED THERE ONCE, I'M GETTING A PERMANENT IN MY HAIR NEXT MONDAY NITE AND I CAN HARDLY WAIT BECAUSE MY HAIR IS DRIVING ME CRAZY, I JUST CALLED UP AND SUPERSCRIBED FOR THE MEAN NEWS TO SEND TO YOU. NOW, BE SURE AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THEM BECAUSE I PAY THEM IN ADVANCE, AND THEY START SENDING THEM TODAY WHICH IS MAY 21, SO DON'T FORGET AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU GET THEM, HAROLD, THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. I'M GOING TO STAY WITH MRS. GREENWOOD A FEW DAYS WHILE HER HUSBAND IS OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEK, HAROLD, PLEASE WRITE MOTHER AND TELL HER TO GO TO N.Y. BECAUSE AUNT ANNIE ISN'T GOING TO GO TO MIAMI AND MOTHER SHOULD GO THERE, DADDY SAID HE WANTED TO TAKE HER TO HOT SPRINGS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER SHE IS GOING OR NOT BUT LEX SURELY HOPE SO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M GOING, I HEARD OVER THE RADIO LAST NIGHT THAT THEY WERE WITHIN 300 MILES BOMBING RANGE OF THE PHILLIPPINES. ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? I HOPE THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING TO BERT OR ANY OF THOSE BOYS BEFORE THEY INVADE. SO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE IN THAT INVASION OF THE PHILLIPPINES? I HOPE SO, AND BE SURE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

REGARDS TO MAT AND FANCHER.

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To

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From

Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala

May 22, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD?

DIDN'T HEAR FROM YOU TODAY BUT I'M WRITING AS USUAL. I WRITE YOU EVERYDAY. CAN'T YOU SEE THE DATES ON MY LETTERS? I DON'T BELIEVE YOU THINK I DO? BUT I DO? HONEST. DADDY SAID YOU WANTED DOROTHY'S ADDRESS SO HERE IT IS 1600 14th Avenue SOUTH. CAN YOU READ IT? YOU SHOULD WRITE TO IDA, TOO. HER ADDRESS IS 232 POINCIANA DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD, ALA. WRITE TO ALL THE RELATIVES AND THE ADDRESSES YOU WANT JUST ASK ME. DID YOU RECEIVE MY BOX AS YET I SURELY DO HOPE SO. I WENT TO TOWN WITH AUNT BESS AND ED AND PRISCILLA LAST NIGHT AND BOUGHT ME A CUTE LITTLE WHITE DRESS. BOY WITH MY RICH SUN TAN IT SHOULD LOOK GOOD ON ME. I HAVE A BLIND DATE TOMORROW NIGHT AND I DO NOT LIKE BLIND DATES BUT THEY SAID HE WAS CUTE SO I GUESS WE WILL GO DANCING. I'VE BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH A BOY IN THE CANAL ZONE THAT CAN REALLY WRITE LETTERS. I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE HIM. I SENT HIM MY PICTURE AND HE LIKED IT EVIDENTLY. DOGGONE IT. I HAD SOME PICTURES THAT I TOOK MOTHER'S DAY AND I JUST LOOKED IN MY POCKETBOOK AND THEY'RE NOT THERE. I MUST HAVE LEFT THEM AT THE DIME STORE. I JUST CALLED TO SEE IF I DID AND THEY'RE GOING TO CHECK ON THEM. I TOOK SOME OF MOTHER BUT THEY DIDN'T COME OUT SO GOOD. WHEN I GET THEM I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU, RIGHT? GOSH I FIND MYSELF SAYTING THAT NOW BECAUSE YOU DO ALL THE TIME.

YOUR PAPER WILL BE STARTING TODAY SO LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET THEM. THERE'S NO NEWS HERE. YOU MUST HAVE MOVED BEING YOUR APO CHANGED. AM I RIGHT?

WELL THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TODAY SO BE GOOD AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. DID YOU GET MY PICTURE YET?

LOVE

LOTTIE

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Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 2, Ala.

May 26, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

I DIDN'T WRITE YOU YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE A THING TO WRITE I SPENT THE EVENING AND NIGHT WITH ED AND PRISCILLA LAST NIGHT AND WE SURELY DID HAVE A LOT OF FUN, WE PLAYED ANTE-UP & CARD GAME, AND IT'S LOTS OF FUN, INCIDENTALLY, DID YOU EVER GET MY BOX? THERE IS A CHECKERBOARD IN IT. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET IT. JANE'S SISTER SAID HER MOTHER RECEIVED A CARD OR SOMETHING NOTIFYING HER OF YOUR CHANGE IN ADDRESS, WHERE HAVE YOU MOVED? I'M STILL WAITING FOR THOSE PICTURES YOU HAD MADE OVER THERE HOW ABOUT THEM? RIGHT? I NOTICED IN THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS THAT BILL ERAL HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO A CAPTAIN, AND DID YOU KNOW HE IS IN NEW GUINEA? I WONDER IF YOU COULDN'T LOCATE HIM THERE, HOW BIG IS THE PLACE YOU ARE IN?

I'M STAYING IN TOWN THIS WEEK-END BECAUSE MOTHER AND DADDY ARE COMING TO BESSEMER FOR CHARLOTTE'S CONFIRMATION, I'LL GO OUT THERE SUNDAY MORNING,

HAROLD, JEANETTE AND SISTER ARE COMING DOWN IN JUNE, HER BOYFRIEND IS IN ATLANTA AND THEY'RE COMING DOWN TO SEE HIM. I GUESS THEY'LL GO TO SEE MINNY TOO.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE, IT'S WARM HERE NOW AND IT WILL GET WARMER YET. I AM GOING TO HAVE A NICE TAN BEFORE THIS SUMMER IS OVER WITH, I HOPE.

DID HAT EVER GET MY LETTER? NOW, HE OWES ME ONE, PLEASE TELL HIM. HAROLD, I WISH YOU WOULD TELL ME IF YOU HAVE SEEN ANY ACTUAL FIGHTING, OR HAVE YOU ENGAGED IN ANY? I JUST CAN'T FEATURE YOU A FIGHTER, BUT MAYBE YOU'LL TURN OUT TO BE PRETTY GOOD, THEY SURELY ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE PHILLIPPINES, AND I HOPE IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU SEE HERE, I DREAMED THAT HE WAS BACK HOME LAST NIGHT AND WE WERE RIDING IN A CAR AND HE HAD ON GLASSES, ISN'T THAT FUNNY?

THERE'S NO MORE NEWS THAT I KNOW OF SO I'LL CLOSE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GOT MY BOX I SENT YOU?

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 81, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
May 27, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD

IT'S SATURDAY MORNING AND THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE YOU BEFORE I LEFT THE OFFICE. I ALMOST FAINTED THIS MORNING WHEN THE POSTMAN HANDED ME A LETTER FROM MINNI. I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE HASN'T WRITTEN ME IN SO LONG BUT SHE HASN'T A MAID ETC. SHE SAID THEY ARE ALWAYS SO ANXIOUS TO HEAR ABOUT BERT AND SHE SAID SHE HOPES YOU BRING BERT BACK WITH YOU. SHE SAID THAT HER KIDS STILL REMEMBER BERT. HER BROTHERS ARE ALL OVER THE GLOBE MILTON IS IN CENTRAL AFRICA? EDWIN IS ON MANEUVERS IN CALIFORNIA, ALBERT IS IN ATLANTA HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM MIAMI. IRVIN ONLY KNOWS IS AT U. OF GA? LEON SLOTIN IS IN NEW GUINEA--CO. B 20TH INFANTRY APO #6. AARON ROBINSON IS IN BRISBANE AUSTRALIA.

THERE'S NOW MUCH NEWS HERE. OH, YES, LAST NIGHT MRS. GREENBERG WANTED TO GO SEE DANNY KALLMAN FROM ENSLEY. HE JUST RETURNED FROM THE PACIFIC. HAROLD, HE HAS BEEN ON 52 MISSIONS AND HIS PLANE WENT DOWN AND HE LANDED IN THE WATER NEAR SOME ISLAND AND THE NATIVES TOOK CARE OF HIM UNTIL HE FINALLY SENT AN S.O.S AND GOT AID AND HE WAS REPORTED MISSING FOR A LONG TIME. ISN'T HE LUCKY? HE SAID HE KNOWS YOU. DO YOU REMEMBER HIM? HE'S A 1ST LT. NOW. HE SURELY DOES LOOK GOOD. HE'S A LUCKY BOY.

WELL I GUESS THERE IS NO MORE NEWS FOR THIS TIME SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE WHEN YOU CAN AND I STILL WRITE YOU EVERYDAY EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.

LOVE

LOTTIE

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO. 21

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
[Sender's name]
2901 4th Ave. So.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 3, Ala.

May 30, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

DIDN'T WRITe YESTERDAY BECAUSE I HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO GET A PERMANENT AND HAD TO LEAVE EARLY. RECEIVED YOUR LETTERS OF MAY 10, 14, AND 18 AND A FEW OTHERS. BOY THE ONE FROM THE 14TH IS THE LONGEST ONE YOU HAVE WRITTEN YET. HAD A VERY NICE WEEKEND. WENT OUT WITH ED AND PRISCILLA SAT. NIGHT TO THE THOMAS JEFFERSON AND SPENT THE NITE with them. SUNDAY I WENT OUT TO BESSEMER AND MET MOTHER AND DADDY AND WENT TO CHARLOTTE'S CONFIRMATION AND THEN TO THE RECEPTION AND IT SURELY WAS NICE. MOTHER REALLY LOOKED PRETTY. SHE HAD ON HER NEW WHITE SHOES HAT AND A NEW white dress OR RATHER BLUE. SHE LOOKED LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS. WELL NO DOUBT YOU RECEIVED MY LETTER ABOUT STANLEY. WASN'T THAT TERRIBLE? I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I WROTE YOU THAT JACK ORENSTEIN WAS MARRIED BUT I DON'T GUESS YOU GOT THAT LETTER YET DID YOU? DID SAMMY EVER WRITE YOU? I GAVE HIM YOUR ADDRESS. I DON'T KNOW HIS YET. I HEAR FROM YOU RIGHT OFTEN NOW HAROLD. JUST WRITE TO MOTHER OFTEN TOO. INCIDENTALLY I LIKE MY PERMANENT. IT'S REAL LONG IN THE BACK AND HIGH IN THE FRONT. I THINK YOU WILL LIKE IT. I DIDN'T GET IT SHORT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE SHORT HAIR. I SENT YOU DOROTHY'S ADDRESS BUT HERE IT IS AGAIN.....1600 14TH AVE. SOUTH. DID YOU WRITE TO AUNT HESS? 916 SOUTH 40TH ST. THEY ALWAYS ASK ABOUT YOU HAROLD. HAROLD HARMON DESSLER IS MISSING IN ACTION. HE WENT OUT ON A MISSION OVER NORTHERN ITALY AND IS MISSING. I HOPE HE IS A PRISONER. OH HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY NEWSPAPERS YET? I SENT YOU THE BHAM NEWS IN FACT A SUBSCRIPTION TO IT SO I GUESS YOU'LL BE GETTING THEM BEFORE LONG. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS A ZIVITZ BOY YOU SAW OR NOT BUT WHEN I FIND OUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW HEART WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO FIND BILL DEAL? I TOLD YOU HE WAS THERE AND IS A CAPTAIN. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED NAT'S LETTER AS YET BUT I GUESS I WILL AND TELL HIM I WILL ANSWER PROMPTLY. ED IS WORKING FOR THE JAFFEE DRY GOODS COMPANY. YOU REMEMBER DAVE JAFFEE AND MITZI JAFFEE DON'T YOU? HAROLD I AM GOING TO FIND OUT MAX SHAFFER'S BROTHER'S ADDRESS AND BILL DEAL'S TOO AND I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU. DID YOU RECEIVE THE BOX I SENT YET? I THINK IT IS FINE. I LIKED "LADY IN THE DARK" A LOT BUT I THOUGHT GINGER ROGERS LOOKED CHEAP IN IT. I SAW "PRIVATE HARVROW" THE OTHER NIGHT AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD. HAROLD, NELSON IS IN ENGLAND INSTEAD OF the PACIFIC. I WROTE YOU THAT. REMEMBER? I STILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRAINING YOU ARE TAKING. FROM WHAT YOU WROTE ME I IMAGINE IT IS "JUNGLE TRAINING". GOOD I THINK IT IS AWFUL FOR YOU'LL TO HAVE TO WADE THROUGH THOSE JUNGLES. HAROLD THEY ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE PHILLIPPINES. THEY ARE ON SOME ISLAND NAMED BIAK WHICH IS VERY CLOSE SO IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE LONG NOW. I'M GLAD YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN ANY ACTION. NOW I KNOW YOU ARE NOT ON HOLLANDIA. MAYBE YOU ARE ON MANANO, OH I DON'T KNOW BUT I'LL KEEP ASKING YOU UNTIL I FIND OUT. YOU SOUND LIKE YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. I SEE YOU PUT IN YOUR ORDER FOR SOME NUTS ETC. SO I WILL SEND IT NEXT WEEK AS I HAVE NO MONEY THIS WEEK. THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHO JIM SIMPSON IS BUT I DON'T LIKE HIM. I DON'T THINK HE LIKES THE "YEANS" IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN. HOWEVER I THINK THE ELECTION WAS PRETTY CLOSE. I'M GLAD LISTER HILL WON THOUGH AREN'T YOU? THIS IS A TERRIBLE TYPEWRITER SO I HOPE YOU CAN READ IT. WELL I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME SO TAKE CARE AND WRITE. LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20418697
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave., So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 5, Ala.

May 31, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, IT'S WEDNESDAY AGAIN AND NOT AS THE DEVIL. I'M GOING HOME THIS WEEK-END AND ALAN IRELAND IS GOING WITH ME, HE'S GOING TO STAY WITH MOTHER WHILE IDA AND SOL GO TO SAVANNAH FOR JULIUS'S WEDDING WHICH WILL BE NEXT WEDNESDAY WHICH WILL BE MAY 7 TO BE EXACT. I SURELY WOULD LIKE TO GO TO SAVANNAH WITH THEM, BUT I GUESS I WON'T.

HAROLD, I AM GOING TO WRITE TO OUR COUSIN, THAT HOFFMAN GIRL REAL SOON, YOU SENT ME HER ADDRESS. I WONDER HOW OLD SHE IS.

JAKE'S SISTER SHOWED ME A LETTER SH WROTE TO HER OTHER SISTER TELLING ALL ABOUT THE TRIP OVER AND ABOUT PASSING THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL, SOME AND IT SURELY WAS INTERESTING AND HE ALSO SENT HIS CERTIFICATE ABOUT CROSSING THE EQUATOR. I GUESS YOU SENT YOURS TO MOTHER, I'M SURE YOU GOT ONE, DIDN'T YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER WRITE ME ABOUT THE TRIP OVER?

GOSH, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET TO THE PHILLIPPINES, I SURELY DO HOPE THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING TO THOSE BOYS, MOTHER WOULD DIE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HENT AND YOU TOO, HAROLD, DO YOU THINK THEY WILL DO ANYTHING TO THEM BEFORE THEY RELEASE THEM? THEY ARE GETTING SO CLOSE TO THE PHILLIPPINES, IN FACT THEY ARE WITHIN 800 MILES NOW AND THAT IS NO DISTANCE IN AN ARMY BOMBER, KALTENBORN, A NEWS ANALYSIST, SAID LAST NIGHT THE WAR WOULD BE OVER BEFORE THE LEAVES BEGIN TO FALL, WHICH WILL BE IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR. GOSH, WOULDN'T THAT BE WONDERFUL? DO YOU THINK GERMANY OR JAPAN WILL FALL FIRST, HAROLD? MOTHER SAID YOU WERE SENDING SOME SOUVENIRS, DON'T EVER SEND A JAP SKULL BECAUSE I'VE HEARD OF A LOT OF PEOPLE DOING THAT AND I THINK IT'S AWFUL. I WOULD HAVE BAD DREAMS FROM THE TIME I SAW THAT THING.

THERE'S NO NEWS HERE, THEY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYMORE FROM BURNIE MARLOW AND THEY ALSO HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM HANSON BRIGHAM, I HOPE HE TURNS UP AS A PRISONER.

HAROLD, I'M STILL ON MY DIET AND EVERYONE TELLS ME I'M LOSING WEIGHT, AND I HAVE ACCORDING TO THE SCALES, I HOPE I'LL BE REAL THIN WHEN YOU COME HOME.

THIS WEEK-END I'M GOING TO LIE OUT IN THE SUN THE WHOLE TIME, I'M JUST DYING FOR A NICE TAN AND I HOPE I GET IT.

JIMMIE COOPER IS STILL IN NORFOLK, VA. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS DOING THERE.

WELL, I GUESS I'VE BEN OUT OF NEWS SO BE GOOD AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND TELL NAT I HAVEN'T RECEIVED HIS LETTER AS YET, HOW IS OLD FANCHER GETTING ALONG, HAROLD? YOU NEVER MENTION HIM IN YOUR LETTER.

ARNOLD KARTSINEL'S BABY BIED LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, SHE HAD LEUKEMIA, ISN'T THAT TERRIBLE?

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20418637
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1801 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 2, Ala.

June 1, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, IT'S FRIDAY AND I SURELY AM GLAD. I'M GOING HOME TOMORROW AND TAKING ALAN WITH ME, HE SURELY IS THRILLED.

I WENT TO SEE MARIA MONTEZ IN "COBRA WOMAN" LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD. I LIKE THOSE KIND OF PICTURES. SHE IS REALLY GOOD LOOKING.

WELL, THEY ARE PRACTICALLY IN HOME NOW. I WISH IT WAS BERLIN. I FIND MYSELF REALLY KEEPING UP WITH THE WAR LATELY. I HOPE IT DON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET TO THE PHILLIPPINES, DON'T YOU?

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RUTH THIS MORNING AND SHE SAID SHE WRITES YOU ABOUT THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK AND YOU SAY YOU DON'T GET HER LETTERS. SHE SAID SHE HAS GAINED ABOUT FIVE OR SIX POUNDS. SHE SAID YOU ALWAYS KIDDED HER ABOUT BEING SKINNY AND SHE ALWAYS KIDDED YOU ABOUT BEING FAT. I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL GO DOWN THERE.

HAROLD, DO YOU REMEMBER JACK SIBBALD HE MARRIED MICKEY BRIGHT'S SISTER, BERTHA. WELL, HE DIED YESTERDAY. ISN'T THAT AWFUL? AND SHE IS EXPECTING ANOTHER BABY IN TWO MONTHS. HE WAS JUST A YOUNG FELLOW. HE USED TO RUN THE ALA. MERCANTILE COMPANY HERE IN BIRMINGHAM.

I STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED THAT LETTER FROM MAE, ASK HIM IF HE DIDN'T DREAM ABOUT WRITING ME. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I RECEIVE IT.

HAROLD, DO YOU NEED A PEN? LET ME KNOW. WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY? I GUESS I'D BETTER START SENDING SOMETHING IF I'M GOING TO. I WONDER IF YOU EVER GOT THAT PACKAGE I SENT YOU WITH THE TOWELS IN IT. IF TAKES A LONG TIME, DOESN'T IT? LET ME KNOW, AND ALSO LET ME KNOW IF YOU RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM MOTHER.

I'M STILL LOSING WEIGHT. I GAINED A LITTLE THIS WEEK, BUT I'M GOING TO CUT IT OUT. I EAT JUST A LITTLE NOW AND I GET FULL. INCIDENTALLY, HOW IS THE FOOD SITUATION OVER THERE NOW? DID YOU'LL EVER GET ANY BETTER FOOD? I THINK IT'S AWFUL, BECAUSE THE CIVILIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING DEPRIVED OF FOOD FOR THE SOLDIERS, AND YOU SAY YOU'LL AREN'T GETTING IT. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. SOUNDS LIKE BLACK MARKET TO ME. HOW ABOUT YOU?

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE OFTEN. I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAIL FROM YOU SINCE THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry, Regiment
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
June 6, 1944
(Date)

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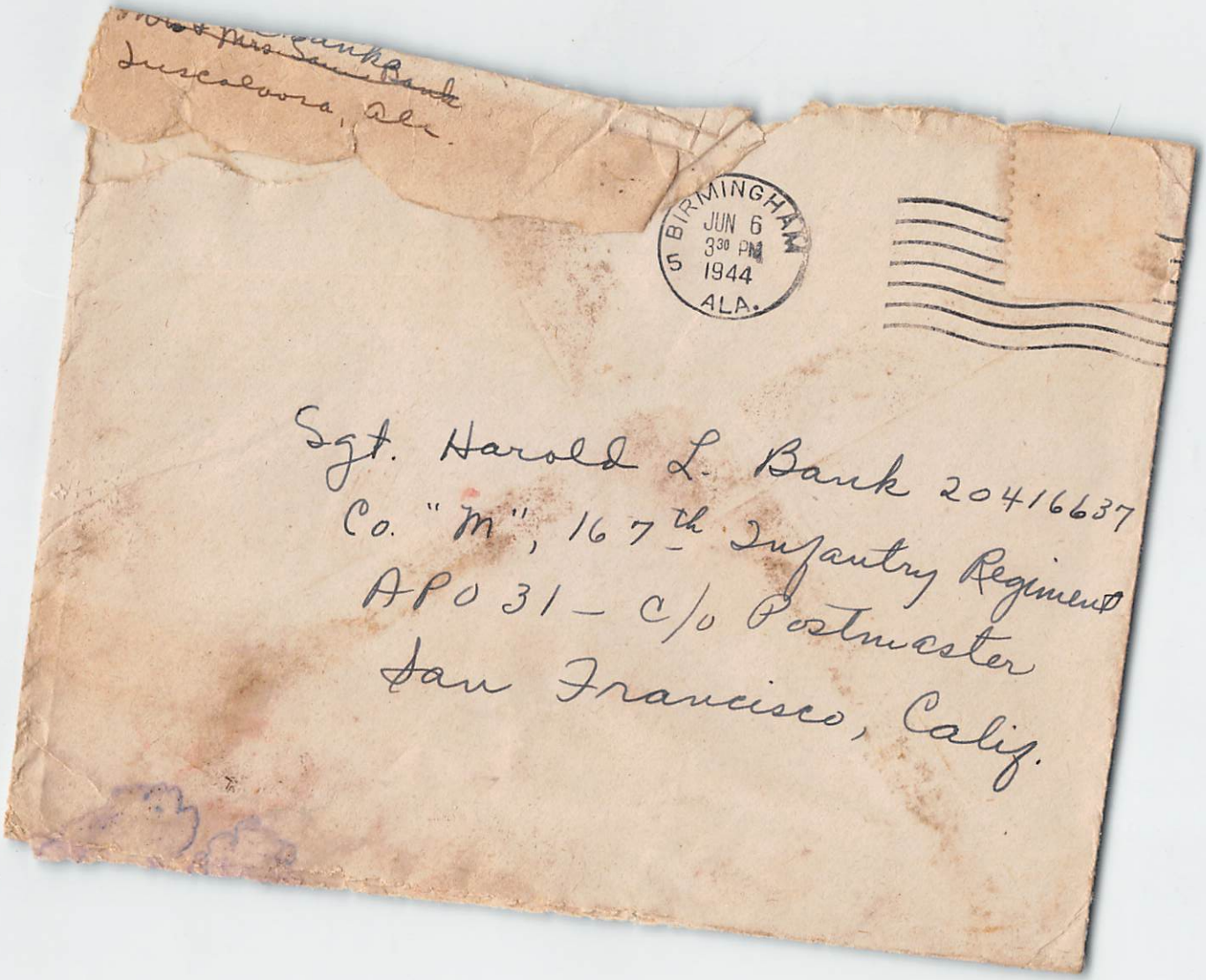
DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, TODAY IS MONDAY AND I DIDN'T GET HERE UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, I LEFT TUS CALOOSA AT 8:20. I WENT DOWN ON THE STREAMLINER SATURDAY AND TOOK ALAN WITH ME. I SURELY DID HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING A SEAT FOR ALAN. I HAD TO GO DOWN TO THE STATION AND GET IT AND PRACTICALLY HAD TO GIVE THAT OLD MAN A DATE BEFORE HE WOULD GIVE ME ONE, BUT I GOT IT AND ALAN SURELY DID GET A THRILL BECAUSE HE HAD NEVER BEEN ON A TRAIN BEFORE. THE TRAIN WAS ONLY TWO HOURS LATE SO WE DIDN'T GET TO TUSCALOOSA UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK, MOTHER AND DADDY ARE FINE. I SAW THAT MOTHER'S DAY CARD YOU SENT MOTHER AND IT SURELY WAS SWEET, DID YOU MAKE IT UP YOURSELF OR WAS IT ALREADY MADE UP? HAROLD, LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, THE POSTMAN CALLED DADDY ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK AND SAID HE HAD FIVE LETTERS FROM YOU, SO I RUSHED DOWN THERE IN THE CAR TO GET THEM, AND INSTEAD OF FINDING FIVE LETTERS THEY WERE THOSE NEWS PAPERS YOU SENT. I WAS SO MAD, INCIDENTALLY, HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY TUSCALOOSA OR BRIAN NEWS PAPERS? IF YOU HAVEN'T THEY ARE ON THE WAY BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY SEND THEM EVERYDAY. I RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY, ONE DATED MAY 30 AND MAY 24, your LETTER OF MAY 20 TELLING ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP THROUGH THE CANAL SOME HAD SOMETHING CENSORED ON IT. IT'S THE FIRST LETTER THAT HAD ANYTHING CENSORED ON IT. THIS IS WHAT YOU SAID——"SPENT 4 DAYS IN THE PANAMA CANAL WALKED THROUGH FORT AMERSON AND WAS NEAR BALBOA, PANAMA, WE LEFT THE CANAL," AND THE NEXT SENTENCE IS CENSORED, I WONDER WHAT IT SAID, DADDY RECEIVED YOUR DIPLOMA FOR CROSSING THE EQUATOR, I TOLD MOTHER TO GET A FRAME FOR IT, AND GUESS SHE WILL, HAROLD, I'M GOING TO SEND YOU A BOX THIS WEEK, NUTS, AND ANYTHING I CAN FIND, MOTHER HAS BEEN SENDING YOU ONE ALMOST EVERY WEEK, LISTEN, HAROLD, IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE A LETTER FROM DADDY OR ME ONE DAY THAT IS NO REASON THAT WE DON'T WRITE, IT'S JUST THAT THE MAIL ISN'T GOING TO COME THERE EVERYDAY. LIKE IT WOULD IF YOU WERE IN THE STATES, JUST TAKE IT EASY, YOU KNOW I WRITE YOU EVERYDAY, SO JUST DON'T WORRY ME ABOUT NOT WRITING YOU, IN EVERY LETTER YOU WRITE, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER "TODAY", IF YOU DON'T GET IT ONE DAY YOU'LL GET IT THE NEXT, SO DON'T WORRY ME ABOUT THAT, WILL YOU? YOU MAKE ME FEEL BAD, I'M GOING TO SEND YOU A MAP RIGHT AWAY. JIM COOPER ISN'T IN NORFOLK ANYMORE, HE IS IN DOVER, DELAWARE, I JUST CALLED UNCLE JOE TO GIVE ME HIS ADDRESS, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW, SO I WILL SEND IT TO YOU THIS WEEK, I'M GOING TO BUY YOU A PRESENT FOR RUTH TONIGHT, AND SEND IT TO HER, GOSH, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE FOUR YEARS SINCE YOU AND BERT GRADUATED, DOES IT? HAROLD, HOW DADDY THINKS YOU ARE ON THAT DRIVE TO THE PHILLIPPINES, I DON'T THINK YOU ARE ON BIAK ISLAND, YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T ON HOLLANDIA SO YOU MUST BE ON THE NORTHERN COAST SOMEWHERE.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NAOMI TODAY AND SHE SAID SHE FINALLY HEARD FROM YOU AND SHE SEEMED RATHER HAPPY OVER IT, HAROLD, DO YOU KNOW WHO I SAT NEXT TO ON THE BUS THIS MORNING? DR. GALLALEE FROM THE UNIVERSITY, AND HE KNEW YOU AND BERT, TOO. HE SAID TO TELL YOU HELLO WHEN I WROTE YOU, SO "HELLO". HE'S A PRETTY NICE FELLOW, ISN'T HE, BUT HE SURELY IS GETTING OLD. ALL THE FOLKS LEFT YESTERDAY FOR JULIUS'S WEDDING, HE'S GETTING MARRIED IN SAVANNAH, WEDNESDAY, THEY ARE GOING TO STAY AT THE DESOTO HOTEL ON TYBEE BEACH, IT'S ONE SWELL PLACE. DO YOU REMEMBER IT? YOU WERE NEVER ON TYBEE, THOUGH, WERE YOU?

I HAVEN'T RECEIVED NAT'S LETTER AS YET, BUT AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING IT, SO TELL HIM HELLO, DADDY WANTS TO CLOSE THE STORE AND TAKE MOTHER TO HOT SPRINGS FOR A FEW WEEKS, AND WANTS ME TO GO WITH THEM, I THINK THEY SHOULD GO, AFTER ALL, DADDY HASN'T HAD A REST IN A LONG TIME, AND NEEDS ONE, AND IT SURELY WOULDN'T HURT MOTHER. WRITE SOON AND I'LL SEND YOU A BOX SOON, LOVE, LOTTIE

V-MAIL

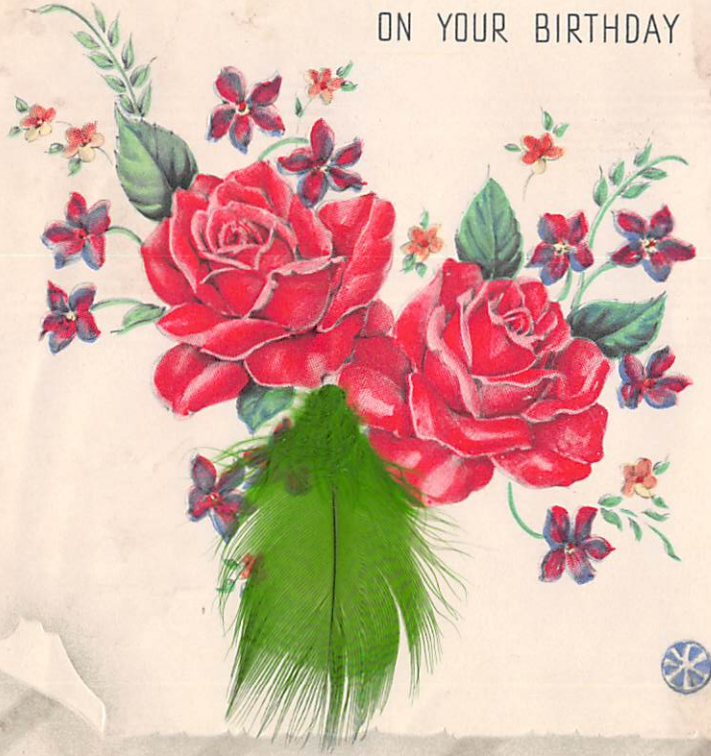

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TO YOU

Brother

ON YOUR BIRTHDAY





It's nice
to have a Brother
As fine as he is dear,
To care about, and think about
And love from year to year;
And today it's nice to greet him
With best of wishes too,
Not only for his Birthday,
But each day
all year through!

Happy Birthday
Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry Regiment
APO 81, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 6, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

BOY, TODAY IS THE DAY, INVASION DAY, JUNE 6. I SPENT THE NITE OUT AND WAS AWAKENED THIS MORNING BY THE NEWS. SOME PEOPLE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT AND LISTENED TO THE RADIO. ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, AND THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT, BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING TO BE SO MANY LIVES LOST. I WENT DOWNTOWN LAST NIGHT AND SHOPPED FOR YOU. I SENT YOU ANOTHER BOX TODAY, CONTAINING A MAP, CASHEW NUTS, AND SOME BUT TONE. HOPE YOU GET IT SOON. I SURELY DID WANT TO OPEN THAT BOX, BUT I DIDN'T. I REALLY HAVE THE WILL POWER NOW. I'VE ALREADY LOST ABOUT 11 POUNDS. ALRIGHT, ISN'T IT? I'VE GOTTEN SO THAT WHEN I EAT JUST A LITTLE I'M FULL.

I JUST GOT BACK FROM MAILING YOUR BOX, AND BUYING A PRESENT FOR RUTH. I BOUGHT HER A BEAUTIFUL WALLET, $3.50 PLUS TAXES WHICH CAME TO $4.20. IS THAT ALRIGHT? I'LL JUST LET YOU OWE IT TO ME, O.K.? WHEN YOU GET TO SOME PLACE YOU CAN BUY SOMETHING YOU CAN GET ME SOMETHING NICE. HOPE RUTH WILL LIKE THAT WALLET. I LOOKED ALL OVER TOWN FOR SOMETHING. I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO GET SOME MAKEUP CASE OR A COMPACT, AND WHEN I SAW THAT WALLET AND IMAGINED SHE WOULD LIKE IT. I WOULDN'T MIND HAVING ONE MYSELF. IT SURELY IS PRETTY. I LIKE IT BETTER THAN MINE.

WE HAVE A RADIO DOWN HERE AT THE OFFICE, AND ARE LISTENING TO EVERY BIT OF THE NEWS. I WISH THEY WERE ALREADY IN BERLIN. THEY SAID OVER THE RADIO THE GERMANS OFFERED LITTLE RESISTANCE.

WELL, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, BUT I LOOKED ON THAT MAP I SENT YOU TODAY AND I THINK YOU ARE SOMEWHERE ON THE NORTHERN COAST OF NEW GUINEA. AM I RIGHT? HAROLD, I SAW FRANCES HAWKINS RECENTLY THAT USED TO WORK AT BROWN'S AND SHE HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BABY YOU EVER SAW. I COULDN'T GET OVER IT.

BUDDY COOPER WAS IN TOWN OVER THE WEEKEND BUT I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO HIM. I SAW HIM WHEN I WAS RIDING IN A CAR AND HE SURELY DID LOOK GOOD, A LITTLE THIN, THOUGH. HE IS STATIONED SOMEWHERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, I THINK.

I TOOK THOSE FILMS DOWN OF MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY TODAY TO HAVE DEVELOPED, AND I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU NEXT WEEK. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOOD OF MOTHER AT ALL, DO YOU? WAIT UNTIL YOU GET THEM, I DON'T LIKE THEM OF HER, BUT I THOUGHT I WOULD SEND THEM TO YOU, ANYWAY. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEND ME THOSE PICTURES YOU TOOK?

WELL, I GUESS THERE IS NO MORE NEWS. I HOPE HITLER DECIDES TO SURRENDER BEFORE THERE IS SO MANY BOYS GOING INTO GERMANY, DON'T YOU? I HOPE THE NEXT INVASION WILL BE THE PHILLIPPINES, REGARDS TO NAT AND I HAVEN'T RECEIVED HIS LETTER.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "D", 167th Infantry Regiment
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From

Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)

1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)

Birmingham 5, Ala.

~~Monday~~ June 7, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

GOSH, IT'S ALMOST FIVE O'CLOCK AND I JUST HAPPENED TO THINK I DIDN'T WRITE YOU TODAY, SO HERE GOES. IT'S WEDNESDAY AND GUESS WHAT, YESTERDAY WAS INVASION DAY AND ALL THE CHURCHES AND TEMPLES WERE OPEN. I WENT TO TEMPLE LAST NIGHT AND PRAYED FOR THOSE BOYS OVER THERE. I FELT GUILTY IF I DIDN'T GO, SO I WENT AND I SURELY AM GLAD. I PRAYED FOR YOU AND BERT, TOO. HOPE PRAYING DOES SOME GOOD, HAROLD.

HEARD SOME GOOD NEWS TODAY. HANNON HEGGLER HAS BEEN REPORTED AS A GERMAN PRISONER. ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL?

I RECEIVED A LONG LETTER FROM NINA TODAY AND SHE IS FINE. SHE ASKED ABOUT YOU, HAROLD. SHE SAID VALERIE WAS GOING TO SEND YOU SOME CIGARETTES, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SHE IS OR NOT, SO DON'T GO SAYING ANYTHING TO HER ABOUT IT WHEN YOU WRITE HER. THAT'S JUST WHAT NINA TOLD ME. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SEND YOU SOME CIGARETTES? IF SO, LET ME KNOW. I DON'T THINK YOU SMOKE MUCH ANYWAY, SO TOUT DO YOU NEED ANY TOBACCO OR ANYTHING? JUST LE ME KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AND I SHALL GRANT YOU YOUR WISHES. I'VE SENT YOU EVERYTHING YOU'VE ASKED FOR SO FAR. YOU SURELY MUST HAVE RECEIVED MY BOX, HAVEN'T YOU?

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. EVERYBODY IS FINE. AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN ARE GOING TO MIAMI THIS MONTH AND ARE GOING TO STOP ON THE WAY BACK IN BIRMINGHAM. I WISH MOTHER WOULD GO TO MIAMI WITH THEM. SISTER AND HER MOTHER ARE LEAVING NEW YORK TODAY FOR ATLANTA. AND WILL COME TO BHAM, TOO.

WELL, GOTTA GO NOW, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE OFTEN.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20418637
Co. "H", 107th Infantry Regiment
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
June 8, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, HOW ARE YOU THIS BRIGHT THURSDAY MORNING, OR WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS IT WHERE YOU ARE, ANYWAY IT'S SO COOL HERE NOW, THAT IT SURELY DOES MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.

RUBEL AND MAX CAME BACK FROM N.J. LAST NIGHT BY PLANE, AND WE WENT OUT TO MEET THEM, AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A PASSENGER PLANE LAND AND KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS GETTING OFF. IT SURELY WAS EXCITING, BUT, YOU KNOW, EVERYTIME I GO OUT TO THAT AIRPORT I FEEL SORTA SAD THINKING OF THE NIGHT WE'D LEAVE. I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT NIGHT AS LONG AS I LIVE, I DON'T THINK YOU WERE HERE, WERE YOU?

HAROLD, A FRIEND OF MINE WANTS ME TO GO TO MIAMI WITH HER ON JULY 6, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SHE HAS ALREADY MADE TWO RESERVATIONS IN HOPE S THAT I'LL GO AND ALSO HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, ANY SUGGESTIONS? I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'D RATHER GO TO N.Y. OR NOT, SEE, IF I WENT TO N.Y. I WOULD STOP IN PHILADELPHIA TO SEE BLANCHE.

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AUNT ANNIE YESTERDAY AND SHE AND UNCLE NATHAN ARE LEAVING JUNE 18 FOR MIAMI TO BE WITH NELSON'S WIFE WHEN SHE HAS HER BABY, AND THEY ARE GOING TO STOP OFF ON THE WAY BACK. I WISH MOTHER WOULD GO WITH THEM.

I WISH YOU WOULD WRITE TO MOTHER AND TELL HER TO GO TO HOT SPRINGS WITH DADDY OR GO SOMEWHERE, SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ME.

HAROLD, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU TO DAY AND IT HAD NO DATE ON IT, BUT YOU SAID "HAT RECEIVED YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY" AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT, BECAUSE I WROTE THAT LETTER MONTHS AGO, MAYBE THAT LETTER [illegible] WROTE WAS WRITTEN A LONG TIME AGO, TOO, I DON'T KNOW, BE CAUSE IT DIDN'T HAVE A DATE ON IT.

I THINK I'M GOING TO STAY IN TOWN THIS WEEKEND AND GO SWIMMING SATURDAY AND TRY TO GET A LITTLE MORE TAN, I'M ALREADY BROWN.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. DID YOU RECEIVE THE BOX I SENT YET? I MEAN THE FIRST ONE. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T GET THE SECOND ONE BECAUSE I JUST SENT IT TUESDAY.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Co. "H", 167th Infantry Regiment
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 9, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

I DON'T HAVE A THING TO WRITE TODAY BUT I'M WRITING ANYWAY. IT'S FRIDAY AND AM I GLAD, THAT MEANS TOMORROW IS SATURDAY, AND I THINK I'M GOING SWIMMING OUT TO CLUB RIK WITH SOME GIRLS AND I'LL BET I'LL BE REAL TAN TOMORROW NIGHT.

HAROLD, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO GO TO MIAMI OR NOT. I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE AND NOW I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO WITH SOMEONE AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO GO OR NOT. I WISH YOU COULD ANSWER ME BEFORE JULY 4. OR SHOULD I GO WITH MOTHER AND DADDY TO HOT SPRINGS AND THEN TO CHICAGO? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

I'M GOING OVER TO ED'S HOUSE TONIGHT. I THINK YOU WOULD LIKE PRISCILLA, HAROLD. SHE IS VERY NICE.

I'M GOING TO SEND YOU THOSE PICTURES OF MOTHER NEXT WEEK. THEY WON'T BE READY UNTIL THEN. THEY ARE ONLY SNAPSHOTS.

I GUESS YOU ALREADY GOT THAT LETTER THAT DEBBY WROTE YOU THAT HAD THAT JOKE IN IT ABOUT THE MAJOR AND THE LT. AND THE PRIVATE STANDING ON THE CORNER AND THE LT. KICKED THE MAJOR, ETC. I THINK THAT'S CUTE. I HEARD A CUTE ONE THE OTHER DAY, BUT YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND IT, SO I'LL JUST SKIP THAT ONE.

WELL, I GUESS I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE NEWS. I SAW "COVER GIRL" LAST NIGHT AND IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD PICTURE. DID YOU EVER SEE IT?

WELL, GOODBYE HON, AND TELL NAT HELLO FOR ME, AND WRITE OFTEN.

LOVE

LOTTIE

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20418637
Co. "B", 167th Infantry Regiment
APO 81, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
[Sender's name]
1901 4th Ave. So.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 10, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

IT'S SATURDAY MORNING AND THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE YOU BEFORE I LEFT HERE BECAUSE I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO WRITE YOU ON SUNDAY. I WENT OVER TO ED'S HOUSE FOR SUPPER LAST NIGHT AND ABOUT SIX OF US PLAYED ASTEN UP AND IT SURELY IS A LOT OF FUN. FIST YOU DEAL OUT A POKER HAND. INCIDENTALLY, I WON $30. HOW AM I DOIN'? IT'S A LOT OF FUN.

IDA AND THEM ARE STILL IN SAVANNAH. I GUESS THEY'LL BE BACK MONDAY. THEY MUST BE HAVING A GRAND TIME. MINT OWES ME A LETTER SO I GUESS I'LL HEAR FROM HER NEXT YEAR. DO YOU EVER WRITE TO THEM.

I TALKED TO MOTHER LAST NIGHT AND SHE AND DADDY ARE FINE. I'M NOT GOING HOME THIS WEEK-END. I'LL PROBABLY GO HOME NEXT WEEK-END.

HAROLD, I THINK I'M JUST ABOUT TO DECIDE TO GO TO MIAMI AFTER ALL. IF I DON'T GO THERE I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE I'LL GO.

WELL, THERE ISN'T ANYMORE NEWS SO I'LL CLOSE WITH LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, AND WRITE OFTEN.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Dearest Harold,

Although you owe me a letter I'll write. Did you ever get the pictures I had developed for you? You never answered me after that, remember?

Harold, some boy from your company called me about a week and a half ago and told me you said hello and that you said to send you some schnops. Did you tell him to tell me that? I thought maybe he just wanted it for himself. IDidn't have any money anyway, and I thought he was just kidding. Was he?

Mother said you were coming home this week-end and then daddy wrote me that you weren't. How come? Are you back from maneuvers yet? How were they? Daddy wrote me that you were working awfully hard. Mother was here for a week, and daddy came in last Sunday and took her back home. She surely does look good when she is up here.

Harold, Mother and I called daddy one night, and when the operator got the number for me she asked me if I were related to you and I said yes, and then she called me back, and who do you suppose it was? Her name is Ann, and she said she goes with Fancher. She said she has doubledated with you. Do you remember her? Is she cute? I thought he went with a girl that works for Fresses. Is that the same one? I didn't get to talk to her very long.

Sunday I'm going on a picnic at East Lake. I bought me a pair of slacks to wear, and they surely are cute.

I've broken up with Joe entirely. He was just a little too old for me, and I will never forget him, though. Think if I married him I would be a half step-mother. He has a child 8 years old and his wife has remarried-------so he says.

When are you coming home again? Remind me not to be there, will you? No, I was just kidding, when are you coming home? Why don't you try to be there next week-end, which is Father's Day? I don't know what to get daddy, can you suggest something? I guess the same old thing, underwear or something, huh? Oh, I think Mother and I are going to N.Y. I think she has finally given in to go, but I don't know when. I don't know where I can stay if I gothere. Harold, when I go I want you to give me that girl's address and name that you correspond with. I don't know a soul there, and I don't know where I will stay. I'm going to stop off and see Edna first, I think. I should wait until the war is over and go to Brooklyn, and, boy, would I have a time. But I know if I don't go Mother won't go, so I'd better go on now.

Are you'll going to remain in Shelby when you come back from maneuvers? Oh, did Jake Culotta tell you I met him when he was here. He's so cute. I gave him that clipping of Jimmie Cooper that was in the paper. Did he give it to you? Did you know he was engaged to be married?

Well, here's my boss so I'd better close and write, hear?

WRITE IT - - - VERBAL ORDERS DON'T COUNT

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. ---, 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave. So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 12, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

It's Monday today and I feel terrible. I had a wonderful week-end. And yesterday three couples of us went out to the Marlow Lounge and had a hot dog supper. One of those soldiers was so funny that my stomach is sore today from laughing. Those hot dogs or something made two of us sick. I felt terrible all day today. Harold, I've decided to go to Miami July 6. I'm really excited because I've never been there. Aunt Annie will be there the same time I am. Do you know anyone there? If so, let me know. I'll probably look like a negro when I return. Mother and Dad are fine. I received a letter from you today dated May 27. Yes, Willene Engel married a Jew. Have you gotten a box yet? Well, gotta go. Keep your head and write. Are you starting that business again? I write everyday, understand?

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PENALTY NO. 3

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
[redacted]
APO 31 - c/o [illegible] Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
L. Bank
(Sender's name)
1701 - 4th Ave So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
June 14, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

First - here's Jim's address - Capt. James H. Cooper - 0 336 819 - 125th Army Air Force Base Unit - Dover, Delaware - went over to Aunt Bess's last nite - Jeanette and Sister will be here tomorrow nite - Aunt Annie's going to Miami in a few weeks and I guess Bill be leaving July 6 - I've got a terrible crick in my neck and it's giving me fits - I got two V. mails from Ruth yesterday - so you were going to Communication school - Well! Well! Mother will be here tomorrow - There's not much news here - Haven't heard from Ruth about the wallet but guess I will - Here's Max Schaffer's brother's address:

Capt. Michael Schaffer
0-411173 - 28th A.A.F. Sal Depot
A.P.O. 928
San Francisco, California

That's all -
Love
Lottie

V-MAIL

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Sgt, Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "F", 167th Infantry,
APO 81, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1801 4th Ave. So.
(Street, P.O.Box, etc.)
Birmingham 3, Ala.
(City, Zone, State)

June 15, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

GOSH, I STILL HAVE A CRICK IN MY NECK AND IT HURTS LIKE THE DEVIL. I WENT TO TOWN TODAY TO BUY SOMETHING FOR DADDY BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET. I'LL HAVE TO ASK MOTHER. I GUESS YOU KNOW SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY.

HAROLD, DO YOU REMEMBER AN SAM BY THE NAME OF SKINNY WOODSTRING? I THINK MARTIN USED TO GO WITH HIM. WELL, SOMEBODY TOLD ME LAST NIGHT HE DIED LAST SUMMER. A HAND GRENADE WENT OFF IN HIS HAND. I FELT SO BADLY.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. I'M STILL LOSING WEIGHT, AND I HOPE WHEN YOU AND BUNT COME HOME I'LL BE REAL THIN. YOU SHOULD SEE ME, I REALLY HAVE WILL POWER.

GOSH, I HOPE IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET TO THE PHILLIPPINES. I HOPE YOU WON'T EVER SEE ANY AGGRON, HAROLD, DON'T YOU?

DID YOU EVER RECEIVE ANY PACKAGES? I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME, DON'T YOU?

WHEN ARE THOSE PICTURES GOING TO BE READY, HUH?

SISTER AND JEANETTE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TONIGHT BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM. THEY ARE IN ATLANTA NOW. SISTER IS GETTING ENGAGED.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. I'M GOING HOME SATURDAY FOR FATHER'S DAY, SO BE GOOD AND TELL NAT I'LL WRITE HIM SOON, HEAR?

LOVE

LOTTIE

P.S. I'M SORRY IF I WORRIED YOU ABOUT WAITING TO KNOW THINGS, BUT IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING, TOO. I KNOW YOU. I STILL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION YOU ARE AT.

V-MAIL

FROM L. Bank
1901 - 4th Ave. So.
Bham 3, Ala.

166th Medical

BIRMINGHAM 4 ALA. JUN 19 1:30 PM 1944

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - C/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

I AM AT MAFFIN BAY

I ASKED, MOTHER, ~~AFTER~~ ABOUT THE MORNING AFFAIR, FOR FRANK INSISTED "NO". BUT ARE Y.





Sat nite
June 17, 1944

Dearest Harold,

I'm up at the "Y" and had a few moments so I thought I would write - I'm so hot now I feel like I'm sitting inside an oven - It reached 100 or maybe over today and it's terrific - My crick left me this afternoon and now I have a headache - I took 3 aspirins -

Jeanette came in yesterday and I met her this afternoon and stayed in town with her from 12 o'clock to five and everything I had on was soaked -

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Sometimes I think I just can't stand it -

I'm leaving for Miami July 6 and I'm so efcited - Harold, Aunt Annie is leaving from N.Y. tomorrow for Miami and Mother said she might go down there, too while she is there - wouldn't that be wonderful? I hope she does -

Harold, a terrible thing happened - Thomas Madson got killed - Mother told me yesterday - I'm not sure if it was Thomas or John Lt. but I'm sure it wasn't Elbert Lee - It's one of the other two - He was on a flight and something went wrong



with his plane - I just felt terrible about it - I'll let you know for sure which one it was -

Tomorrow I have a date all day with one of the Hodges twins - Harold. I received a letter from Naomi with a picture of her and her sister in their skating outfit and Naomi really looks cute - She is cuter than her sister, isn't she?

I'll have to write to Ruth because I haven't heard from her since I sent the wallet and it's already been a week -

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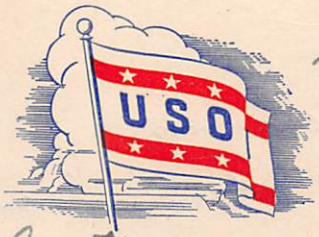
maybe I'll hear from her yet -

Harold, I'm writing this so I can send you those pictures. I took my Mother - the girl with Lynn is Ed's wife but she's much prettier than the picture - You should see her - She's very sweet -

Harold, I'm writing this on June 17 and I'll write you a V-mail June 19 - so let me know which you get first -

Bought me that gorgeous 3-piece suit - It's really a honey - slacks, skirt and coat - I love it -

Harold, I haven't weighed in a few weeks so I don't know if I've



lost or not but everyone tells me I've lost a lot of weight so I don't argue with them -

Harold, surely by now you've received at least one box from about it? Let me know the exact date you receive it, dear?

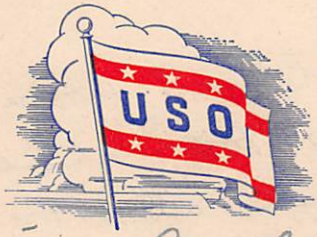
Harold, I got so excited last Sunday - they had a picture of a lot of ala. boys in New Guinea in the paper and I just knew you were in it but you weren't - I'll be glad when you do send those pictures you took

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over there -

Buddy Block is coming in next Sunday so Jeanette will be in Pascagoula - Sister will be here, too - She came to Atlanta to get engaged - She's only 19 so she won't get married until the war is over, Jeanette said - She's a cute girl -

Well, they all came back from Savannah and they had a wonderful time - Julius and his wife are on their honeymoon and will be back soon - They'll stay with Ida until they find an apartment - I think I wrote you that she is



a 1st cousin of Arbro's - Harold, G. L. is in England and he carries supplies from England to Italy or somewhere - dangerous, isn't it?

Here's not much news here - Harold, why don't you start working on a furlough? Are you slipping?

Mother called me today and told me a major came in the store yesterday and told Daddy he heard a Chattanooga broadcast from Camp #2 Bert's in and 3 boys spoke and said they were being treated

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alright - Isn't that wonderful? Mother sounded so happy - I hope it won't be long before Bert will be home -

Well, I guess I'll close for now so take care and write

Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To [redacted]
San Francis[redacted]

From
Lottie Rook
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave, So,
(Sender's address)
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 19, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, IT'S MONDAY AGAIN, DARN IT, AND IT'S REALLY HOT HERE. IT HIT 100 YESTERDAY, BUT IT FELT LIKE 110.

SPOKE TO MOTHER YESTERDAY AND SHE AND DADDY ARE FINE.

HAROLD, MRS. MARLOW HEARD FROM BUNNIE TODAY. SHE RECEIVED A CABLE AND HE SAID HE WAS WELL AND ALIVE AND A GERMAN PRISONER. ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? I WISH WE WOULD HEAR FROM BERT SAYING HE WAS COMING HOME.

DID YOU EVER TRY TO FIND MAX SCHAFFER'S BROTHER? I SENT YOU HIS ADDRESS AND ALSO JIMMIE COOPER'S.

GOSH, IT'S TOO HOT TO DO ANYTHING TODAY, SO I'LL CUT THIS ONE SHORT. HAROLD, DO YOU KNOW WHO I HAD A DATE WITH ALL DAY YESTERDAY? MORRIS HODGES, ONE OF THE TWINS. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY SIX MONTHS AGO. HE'S NICE. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN.

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO WRITE AND I HOPE YOU'VE RECEIVED A PACKAGE BY THIS TIME.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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No. _____

[illegible] Harold L. Bank 20415637
[illegible]
San Francisco, Calif. [illegible]

From
L. Bank
[Sender's name]
1901 4th Ave. So.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 5, Ala.
June 20, 1944
[Date]

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

DEAREST HAROLD,

I JUST CAME BACK FROM TOWN AND IS IT HOT? I TOOK SOME OF MY CLOTHES TO THE DRESSMAKER. THEY HAVE TO BE ALTERED BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL TOO BIG FOR ME, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU THIS WEEK, I SURELY HO HOPE YOU HAVE RECEIVED A BOX BY NOW.

I'M GOING HOME THIS WEEKEND, BUDDY BLOCK AND SISTER WILL BE THERE AND J[illegible]ETTE, TOO.

I HAVEN'T ANSWERED NAT'S LETTER AS YET, BUT I WILL TODAY, I HOPE. HAROLD, I'M GETTING SO EXCITED ABOUT GOING TO MIAMI. I LOVE TO GO TO PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE. IF YOU WANT TO WRITE ME, WRITE ME at THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA. I'LL BE THERE AFTER JULY 6, I HOPE. IF NOTHING HAPPENS IN THE MEANTIME, SO WRITE ME THERE, HEAR?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. DID YOU GET MY CARD? TOMORROW IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, BUT YOU'LL PROBABLY GET THIS LETTER A FEW WEEKS LATER.

JANE WROTE HER SISTER THAT THE SHAKES THERE ARE TERRIFIC. YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT, IT SAYS THEY EAT HUMANS. IS THAT RIGHT? UNLIVER ME, AREN'T YOU SCARED OF THEM?

GOSH, I MISSED MY GUESS WHERE YOU ARE. I'M GOING TO GET A MAP AND FIND OUT. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVEN'T LET DADDY KNOW, HAROLD?????????????

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM RUTH ABOUT THAT HALLOT. I SURELY DO HOPE SHE GOT IT. I'M GOING TO WRITE HER AGAIN AND FIND OUT IF SHE DID.

HAROLD, HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY PAPERS LATELY? IF NOT, LET ME KNOW, WILL YOU? I PAID FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BHAM NEWS ALREADY A LONG TIME AGO.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL. SO WRITE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
L. Bank
[Sender's name]
1901 4th Ave. So.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 3, Ala.

July 8, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY, JUNE 20, 22, THE 20TH CAME FIRST. NOW ABOUT THAT? THERE ISN'T MUCH NEWS HERE. MOTHER AND I ARE LEAVING TOMORROW NIGHT FOR MIAMI, I'M GLAD SHE IS GOING, HEARD THIS MORNING THAT NELSON'S WIFE HAD A LITTLE BOY THE OTHER DAY. AUNT ANNIE IS IN MIAMI, YOU KNOW.

HAROLD, I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD BOXING MATCHES OVER THERE, WHY DON'T YOU ENTER A WRESTLING MATCH? REMEMBER YOU USED TO WRESTLE WITH DADDY. HAROLD, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING FUNNY THAT MRS. MCNUFF TOLD US. SHE IS IN TUSCALOOSA, BY THE WAY. SHE SAID A FRIEND OF A FRIEND OF HERS KNEW SOMEONE THAT WAS RIDING ALONG ON THE HIGHWAY SOMEWHERE AND AN OLD MAN WAS WALKING SO THEY, (THERE WERE ABOUT THREE PEOPLE IN THE CAR) ASKED HIM IF HE WANTED TO RIDE. HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD, BUT GOT INTO THE CAR AND RODE SEVERAL MILES AND THEN HE TOLD THEM TO PLEASE LET HIM OUT, THEY STOPPED AND LET HIM OUT, AND WHEN HE GOT OUT HE TOLD THE LADY THAT WAS DRIVING THAT THERE WOULD BE A CORPSE IN THEIR BACK SEAT BEFORE THEY RODE ANOTHER 100 MILES, AND HE SAID THE WAR WITH GERMANY SHOULD BE OVER BY JULY 6. WELL, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY SO THEY WENT ON AND BEFORE THEY RODE 100 MILES THEY HAD AN ACCIDENT AND THE PERSON ON THE BACK SEAT WAS KILLED, HOW ABOUT THAT? WELL, TOMORROW IS JULY 6 SO I'LL SEE IF HIS PREDICTION OF THE WAR BEING OVER WITH GERMANY IS TRUE, THAT SOUNDS FISHY, DOESN'T IT, BUT IT REALLY HAPPENED.

MOTHER IS GOING TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR TODAY TO HAVE HER HAIR FIXED, A FACIAL AND AN ARCH. SHE'LL PROBABLY LOOK BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW WHEN SHE COMES TO BIRMINGHAM.

HAROLD, I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO LOOK FOR A CAMERA OR RUSSELL'S PICTURE, BUT I'LL DO IT AS SOON AS I CAN. TELL RUSSELL NOT TO GIVE UP HOPE, AND TELL HIM THAT I STILL LOVE HIM, TOO, HE WROTE ME THAT. DON'T FORGET TO TELL HIM, HEAR?

I SAW MELVIN PERMUTT YESTERDAY. HE WAS DRESSED OUT IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. HE IS HOME ON FURLOUGH. HE IS A MAJOR NOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A MAJOR WALKING AROUND IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, AND BESIDE ME HAD, TOO.

HAROLD, HERE IS BRO'S ADDRESS: CAPT. A.L. [illegible] 0-397360, Sig. THE ARMY, CIC, APO 758, NEW YORK, N.Y. WHY DON'T YOU WRITE TO HIM. HE IS IN ITALY, I THINK, BUT I'M NOT SURE. MRS. MCNUFF HASN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN ABOUT A MONTH NOW, I GUESS SHE WILL, THOUGH, HE CARRIES SUPPLIES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

OH, HAROLD, GUESS WHO I RUNNED INTO AT THE BUS STATION SATURDAY WHEN I WENT HOME? REMEMBER MARIONNE, THAT GIRL THAT USED TO WORK AT BROWN'S THAT YOU WENT WITH, REMEMBER? SHE MARRIED THAT JEWISH BOY THAT WORKED IN THE SHOE DEPT. THERE NAMED SAM SOMETHING, SHE ASKED ABOUT YOU. HE IS IN HAWAII. I THINK SHE SAID HE WAS A MAJ. THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE, WRITE MOTHER AND ME AT THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, HEARY WELL, SO LONG AND TAKE IT EASY. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL THEY GET TO THE PHILLIPPINES, I HEARD A NEWS COMMENTATOR SAY THAT AND I HOPE HE'S RIGHT. WELL, GOODBYE NOW.

PLEASE DON'T WRITE OVER THIS RED PENCIL 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T READ IT. LOTTIE.

V-MAIL

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416137
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
[Sender's name]
~~[illegible]~~ Arlington Hotel
[Sender's address]
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 9, 1944
[Date]

Dearest Harold,

Well, Mother and I are in Miami now we got here Friday nite - It's beautiful here - Aunt Annie & Uncle Nath are here - we saw Nelson's wife yesterday - She just had a baby boy - Harold, you should see their home - It's the most beautiful I've ever seen - went to the "J" to dance last nite and bumped into 2 soldiers I knew in Bham - I have a date with a soldier I knew in Atlanta Tonite - It's too quiet for me in this hotel so I want to move to the Versailles where all the life is - It cost a little more but it'll be worth it - Mother is really taking it easy - Gets up about nine o'clock and we have breakfast in bed - Harold, you have no idea how beautiful Miami really is - I had no idea - It's hot here but there's always a breeze - We just put in a call for Hattie - will write more Tuesday - Mother said Hello.

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To Sgt. Harold L. BANK
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Co. "M" - 169th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
L. BANK
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 10 1944
(Date)

dearest Harold,

Mother + I are lying around now. I washed my hair. Yesterday we went to a little orange juice stand + I had your letter lying on the counter + the woman that served us said she had a brother in your company, Paul Katz. Know him? She just happened to glance at the address. Wasn't that funny? Had a late date last nite and went way up Lincoln Road on the beach. What a sight. The moon comes up every nite + the sun comes out every day. Harold, you've never seen a moon like the one down here. Wow! I'll bet I look like a negro when I leave here. Everyone down here is browning. Went to the "Y" beach yesterday and had a lot of fun. Met some cute soldiers. Bumped into two that I knew in Miami. I'll write more later, hear? Wait a minute Mother wants to say something —

Dearest Harold. I am let you know that I am feeling fine and am having a good rest. Hope you're all right. Love Mother

V-MAIL

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Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL

From L. BANK
[Sender's name]
Arlington Hotel
[Sender's address]
Miami Beach, Fla.

July 12, 1944
[Date]

Dearest Harold.

Well, it's Wed. and so far I'm having a grand time - went to the Jewish Center last nite to a dance and met a cute sailor - I have a date with him tonite - then after the dance I went up to the Versailles with a girl from Memphis I met on the train - That's the most gorgeous hotel I have ever seen - we met some Brazilian naval officers and can they dance - you should see that terrace there - Have a date one night this week with a very handsome Spanish soldier - Harold, you would love it here - Macken was sick with that "Cooper stomach" for two days but she's all right now - Being as I wrote you a long time ago the hotel we are at we expect a letter from you - Sooo! Well, that's all for today so be good and Mother said Hello -

Love
Lottie

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
204 16639
Co. "M". 169th Infantry
APO 31 - C/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 15, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, tonite was the first nite I stayed at the hotel and I was so bored - guess who we bumped into today and are staying next door to us - Lester Albert & Rose - they live in Jacksonville and came down for a week - they said to tell you hello - I had a wonderful time last nite - went to the Z's and met the girls including Evelyn Robinson from Savannah & some soldiers took us up to the Versailles & danced - it surely was fun - Yesterday I spent the day at the beach here and met one of the nicest guys you want to ever meet and, darn it, he's leaving tomorrow for furlough - He was wonderful - He took me out to dinner and we came back and sat around until 11:30 when he had to leave - Sunday Daddy called us and said he was leaving Tuesday for Hot Springs - today we got a wire from Linc saying he's not going 'cause he doesn't want to close the store - this is continued in another V-mail dated July 15 -

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. BANK
20416699
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry,
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
L Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 11, 1944
(Date)

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Harold, you should see how black I am - Mother looks at me and says "You look like a shickie" - My shoulders are itching something terrible - I have started to peel and, oh, it's driving me crazy - Harold, I am really losing weight here - I'm never hungry here and I haven't had a full meal since I've been here - All my clothes have gotten too large for me - It's wonderful here - I'd love to stay - I just love this beach and water - Mother is fine and has met a lot of women at the hotel and really does the snoozing - Aunt Annie and Uncle Nath spent the day here Sunday - Aunt Annie is still full of pep - Harold, I'm going to try & get you some film here - It's easy to get here - Oh, I got those pictures and that little knife you sent - Thanks a lot - Those pictures are good and I'll attend to them when I get back - Harold, [redacted] did I write

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Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
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San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 11 1944
(Date)

continued from July 15 -

you that Emma was going to have a baby? Evelyn Robinson told me - Tell Faucher I haven't forgotten about his trunks - Boy, the women are rough tonite -

I can't think of anymore news so I hope you get all of these at the same time and take care of yourself - Mother said Hello.

Love

Lottie

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Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 16, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Received a letter from you today and a little box + some films that were forwarded to me - Also some pictures - I'm going shopping with Mother today + will send you a box - I'll get some film if I can, too - I'll attend to your pictures when I get back home, O.K.? I haven't time here - It's pouring down rain now + it rained last nite - I hope it stops - I was on the beach all morning + I'm getting blacker - Something went wrong with the camera and I'm having it fixed - I hope it'll be ready today - I want to take some more pictures - Be good + I'll write you again

Say hello to Mat

Lottie

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San Francisco, Calif

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 15, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Just came back from Lincoln Road shopping and bought you some candy and sent it off and I got your four rolls of film and I'll send it right away. Gosh, it's been raining here for two days now - I was on the beach all morning and now it's pouring - Harold, I just love that little coin from Australia - What in the devil is it? I love it. Also you sent some film - I'll attend to it all when I get home - Mother bumped into a man from Bklyn who is only visiting here that she hasn't seen in 40 years - did I tell you? There is not much news. Daddy didn't go to Hot Springs after he called and told us he was going - He said he hated to close the store - Oh, Evelyn Robinson told me that both the Center twins are married - Well, that's all - Why don't you take more pictures of your V-MAIL ally? - Lottie

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APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 19, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

I'm just messing around this afternoon - Mother and I just got back from lunch - I met three girls from Jacksonville and one of them was Miriam Rosenthal and she married Alvin Rubin from Bham - She said she thinks she knows you and I showed her your picture and she said you look very familiar - Do you remember her? She knows Clara Abell - I'm supposed to meet them on the beach today - Went to a dance last nite and then to the Versaille. Hotel and saw Evelyn & Bernice Robinson - They left for Savannah this morning - I surely did hate to see them leave, too - I guess we'll leave July 23. I have it here - The Robinson girls want me to come back down here and live - How about that? Well, that's about all for this time so be good and write often -

Lottie

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Co. "H", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
Lottie Bank
(Sender's name)
1901 4th Ave., So.
(Sender's address)
Birmingham3, Ala.

June 29, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD,

I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TO RITE TODAY BUT I'LL WRITE ANYWAY. IT'S AWFULLY HOT HERE. I WENT DOWN AND GOT ME MY THREE PIECE SUIT TODAY AND IT IS A HONEY, BUT I CAN'T FIND A BLOUSH TO GO WITH IT.

I FINALLY WROTE TO NAT LAST NIGHT, AND HAROLD, I LOOKED AT A MAP TODAY AND OF NEW GUINEA AND I FOUND IT.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU? NEXT WEEK IS JULY 4 BUT I'M NOT DOING ANY CELEBRATING, I'LL PROBABLY SPEND THE DAY WASHING OUT CLOTHES TO TAKE TO MIAMI WITH ME. I'VE GOT TO GO HOME SAT. AND GET MOTHER ALL FIXED UP. I WISH SHE WOULD CUT HER HAIR BUT I CAN'T GET HER TO DO IT, HAROLD, WHY DON'T YOU WRITE HER TO DO IT? LISTEN, IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN OUR ADDRESS DOWN THERE I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

DID YOU HAVE A NICE BIRTHDAY? I GUESS BY NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE CARDS, HAVEN'T YOU? IF NOT, IT'S ABOUT TIME. I SENT THEM ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR BIRTHDAY, I BELIEVE.

THERE'S NOTHING DOING HERE, HAROLD, I MIGHT PLAY POKER TONIGHT, BUT I DON'T KNOW YET, I LOVE IT, BUT I DON'T PLAY VERY OFTEN.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU OFTEN, AND HOW IS FANCHER GETTING ALONG? YOU NEVER MENTION HIS NAME.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 22, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

It's hot. and I love it here. I'd give anything if I could stay but we are supposed to leave Wed. Darn it - Had a date with a civilian last nite who lives in Miami + he me went to Kitty Davis, a Jamaan nite club and then we left about 1:00 o'clock and was riding around and had a flat tire. We walked home and it was about 15 blocks and long ones, too. I got home sorta late and was up early - on the beach all morning - I'm blacker than you, I'll bet. Have a date tonite with a very handsome man - don't know where we'll go - Oh, darn, I hate to think of leaving. I want to live here - I guess you heard about Hitler almost getting killed - It's a shame they didn't finish him - Well, I don't think it'll be long now, I hope - Mother said Hello and she looks wonderful - Matt Faucher -

Love to you
Lottie

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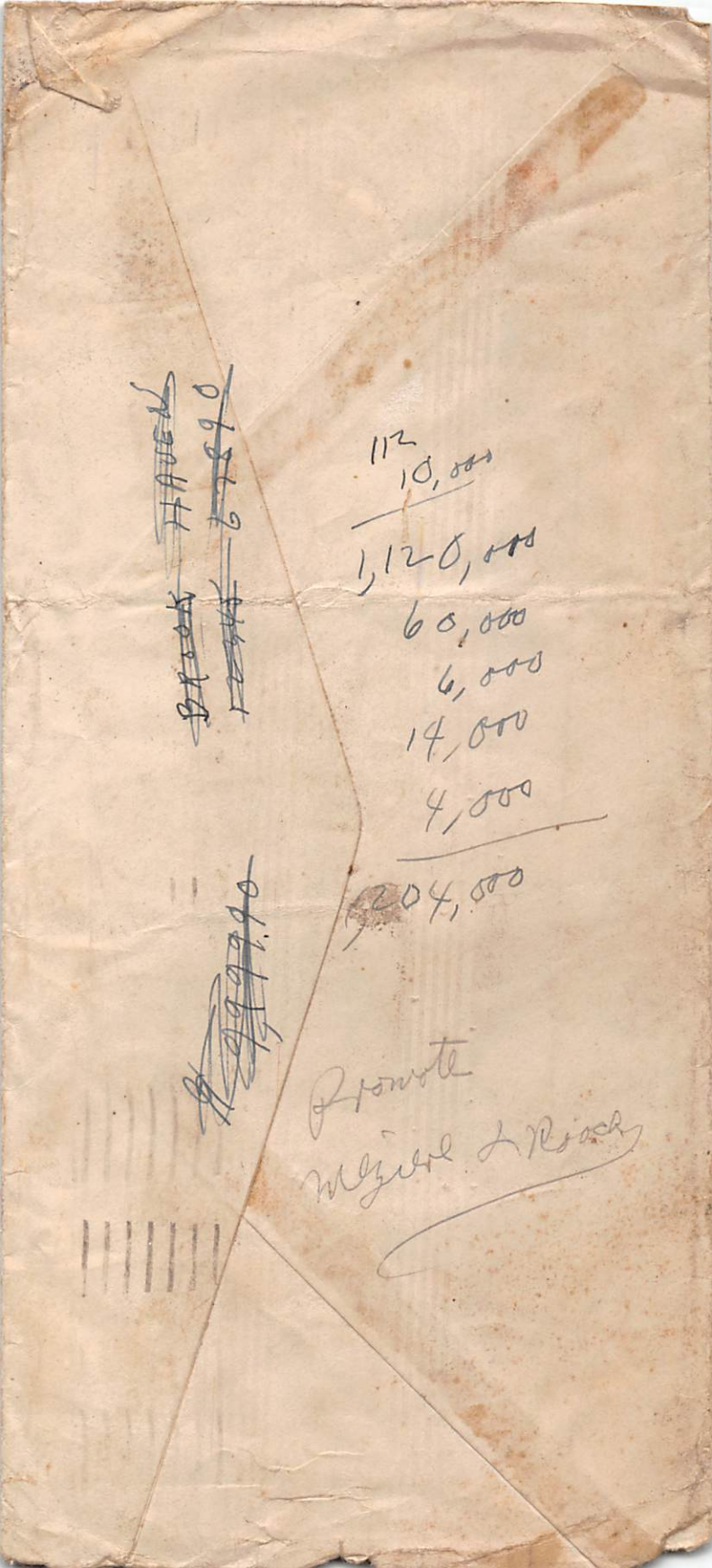
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Written from
Sat.

Dearest Harold,

File Reference

Well, I made reservations and have our tickets for N. Y. for Aug. 7 - We have seats 1 and 2 and doggone it there's not a seat in front of them so we can rest our feet but we had to take what we could get.

When do you think you'll be home again? Harold, I read your letter to Mother telling her about that Red Cross man you saw and I hope he's right - I also read the poem you wrote and I didn't know it was in you but it is - Yes, have I got a smart brother!!!

I haven't seen Daddy since he came back - Mother comes in just about every Wednesday - I can hardly wait to see Daddy and hear his experiences on his trip -

I don't remember those girls from Shreveport - Oh, yes, I do - I didn't like that girl with Floyd - And is the

other one the one you had a date with?
You asked me if I think Nadine Brown is cute - If you really want to know - I do not - She is right sweet but there is nothing to her -

I'm sending you a box of cookies today - I hope you like them. Have you lost anymore weight?

Boy, it has been hot as h-- here and I was just sick from the heat yesterday -

There's no news here - Shafie is leaving for Washington the 15th to stay - So maybe we'll get to see her there -

Well, guess I'll close now 'cause it's time to eat so be good and write

Love

Lottie

Please address as thus:

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That's my Zone number

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not satisfactory.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20916637
Co. "M" - 16TH Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 25, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, today is Mon. and we're supposed to leave Wed. but I think we'll wait until Sat.

Daddy wrote today and said he hasn't heard from you in a few days. I wonder if you've moved, Harold-

Not much news here - took some pictures and will send them to you when I get home-

Harold, I've really lost weight since I've been here - I'm never hungry and never want to eat. I'm glad, too - My clothes are all large on me.

Well, I guess that is all - I'll write you more tomorrow - Love

Lottie

V-MAIL

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APO 31 - C/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla
July 25, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, it's Tuesday and we're leaving Friday, darn it- Harold, I have two grand pictures I'm going to send you when I get home- Now, you'll see whether I've lost weight or not- My clothes are all too large for me-

Had a date with an adorable soldier I met here at the hotel and we went to the Versailles Hotel and danced on the terrace- saw Marie Brown there- Bubber's coming down soon- Just had a call and refused to go out with him 'cause I didn't like him- I have a date tonite with the soldier I was out with last nite- name- Burt Barr- cute, too-

Well, Mother said hello so be good and take care- Love

Lottie

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20416637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

From
L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 26, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold.

Good, I'm so tired and sleepy I can hardly write - We went to Aunt Annie's this afternoon and I slept and mother and Aunt Annie shot the bull -

I've been afraid to go in the water for the past few days because a lot of people got sea rash and break out so I just lie in the sun -

By the time you receive this letter will be home - darn it -

Went to the Versailles last nite with Burt - Had a grand time -

Mother is feeling fine and looks good - I think she likes Miami - I'll send you some pictures when I get home - Said Fanny Martin - He's stationed here - Mother said Hello -

Love
Lottie

V-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Sgt. Harold L. BANK
20416627
Co. "M" - 16 7th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Arlington Hotel
(Sender's address)
Miami Beach, Fla.
July 27, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Well, it's Thurs. and only one more day here - darn it -

Went shopping with Mother today and bought a few things - I'm so tired -

Mother just went out to eat - I'm not hungry - I never am except this morning - I haven't eaten anything since breakfast and it's already seven o'clock -

It was very warm today + the water was really rough -

Harold be good and I'll write you tomorrow -

Say hello to the boys -

Love
Lottie

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

FROM: Lottie Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala
October 3, 1944

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

I HAVE BEEN IN MONTGOMERY FOR A WEEK AND HAVEN'T WRITTEN YOU, BUT FROM NOW ON WHEN I GO OUT OF TOWN I'M GOING TO TAKE MY BOX OF V-MAIL AND I PROMISE I'LL WRITE EVERYDAY.

I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME THERE. I WAS WITH THE RABBI DAY AND NIGHT, AND HE IS THE MOST WONDERFUL PERSON I'VE EVER MET IN MY LIFE, ONLY 29 YEARS OLD, VERY SMART AND A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY. THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WRONG, AND THAT IS, I DON'T KNOW A DARN THING ABOUT THE JEWISH RELIGION, DARN IT, BUT HE SAID IF I MARRY HIM HE'LL TEACH ME; BUT IMAGINE ME BEING MARRIED TO A RABBI. GOSH, I REALLY FEEL FLATTERED BECAUSE YOU SHOULD SEE HOW THE WOMEN RUN AFTER HIM DOWN THERE. THEY ARE ALL JEALOUS OF ME. I AM REALLY THE TALK OF THAT TOWN, I'M TELLING YOU. I'LL PROBABLY GO BACK DOWN THERE THIS WEEKEND.

MOTHER AND DADDY ARE FINE. WE RECEIVED THOSE LETTERS FROM YOU YESTERDAY. YOU SAID YOU WERE ON A BOAT. WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, ON MORATAI ISLAND BECAUSE IT IS IN THE PAPER ALMOST EVERYDAY ABOUT THE 31ST DIVISION. YESTERDAY'S PAPER SAID THERE WOULD BE AN EARLIER INVASION OF THE PHILLIPPINES THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK. I JUST WONDER IF YOU WILL BE IN THAT INVASION. HAROLD, IF YOU SHOULD HAPPEN TO MEET BERT GOSH, WOULD I LOVE TO BE THERE.

REMEMBER ED GLASS FROM UNIONTOWN? WELL, HIS PICTURE WAS IN THE PAPER YESTERDAY AS MISSING IN ACTION. I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER HIM BECAUSE I DO. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NAT YESTERDAY, DOESN'T SAY MUCH SO I'LL HAVE TO WRITE HIM.

AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN LEFT SUNDAY AND WE SURELY DO MISS THEM, GOSH, I WISH THEY WOULD HAVE STAYED LONGER. GOT A LETTER FROM BUD AND HE IS BACK AT WORK AND DOING FINE. HE WAS REALLY A SICK BOY.

SHIRLEY KARTZMEL HAD A LITTLE GIRL YESTERDAY MORNING. IMAGINE HER A MOTHER, I CAN'T. WHILE I WAS IN MONTGOMERY I WAS DOWNTOWN AND BUMPED INTO JAKE'S SISTER. SHE LIVES DOWN THERE NOW. SHE MARRIED A BOY THAT I GOT HER A DATE WITH. HE IS STATIONED AT MAXWELL FIELD, GOSH, THAT IS A BEAUTIFUL FIELD. WENT OUT THERE FRIDAY NITE AND SAW "KISMET" AND IT WAS PRETTY GOOD WITH MARLENE DIETRICH AND RONALD COLEMAN. THE OTHER NIGHT I WENT TO A MOVIE OUT THERE AND SLEPT THROUGH THE WHOLE PICTURE. I HAD NOT HAD ANY SLEEP FOR SEVERAL NITES AND I WAS REALLY WHIPPED OUT. I WAS SO EMBARRASSED WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT ON. IT ONLY COST 12¢ TO SEE A SHOW THERE AND THEY ARE ALL NEW PICTURES. WELL, I GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. LOVE,

Lottie

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
L. Bank
1901 - 4th Ave. So.
Bham 3, Ala.
Aug. 3, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

Dearest Harold

we got back to Bham July 30. I almost cried when I left. I love it there. I had 3 proposals, too. How'm I doin'? The boy named Burt wants to marry me. But I don't know. Got a letter from him today. Received a letter from you dated July 17. I'm afraid by now you're in action because I read a letter Jake wrote and it was written in a foxhole in enemy territory. Harold, please be careful. I read in the paper that they are getting closer to Mindanao, the island Bert is on. I'm going to send you some pictures next week and also attend to your pictures. My tan is fading but I should worry. Oh, I almost forgot. I've got to get those trunks and send to Russell. Take care of yourself & write. Love, Lottie

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TO:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "E", 167th Infantry, APO 31
c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

FROM
L. Bank
1901 4th Ave. So.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

August 4, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, IT'S FRIDAY AND TOMORROW I'M GOING HOME TO SEE DADDY. YOU KNOW, IT SURELY IS EMBARRASSING FOR ME TO WALK DOWN THE STREET, PEOPLE STARE AT ME, AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M BLACK OR WHITE, IT REALLY EMBARRASSES ME TERRIBLY, BUT I'M FADING NOW, SO MAYBE THEY CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE.

I'VE LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT AND AM GOING TO KEEP ON LOSING IF I CAN. I THINK I LOST MOST OF IT IN MIAMI. I WAS NEVER HUNGRY HOWE THERE AND STAYING UP LATE EVERY NIGHT.

HAROLD, I SURELY AM WORRIED ABOUT YOU AFTER READING JAKE'S LETTER. KEEP AWAY FROM THOSE JAPS. I THINK IT WOULD REALLY BE FUNNY IF YOU WOULD RUN INTO HERE. I'D LIKE TO BE THERE IF YOU DO.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE, HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU NOT TWICE THIS WEEK. I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE, DO YOU?

I'VE GOT SO MANY LETTERS TO WRITE, GOT A LETTER FROM NAOMI YESTERDAY THAT SHE WROTE TO MIAMI AND SHE SAID SHE GOT SOME PICTURES FROM YOU AND SHE SAID YOU LOOK SO THIN. WE SURELY WERE GLAD TO GET THOSE PICTURES FROM YOU, AND I SURELY DID APPRECIATE THAT LITTLE LETTER OPENER OR WHATEVER IT IS AND THAT COIN, WHERE IN THE WORLD DID YOU GET THEM?

THERE'S NO MORE NEWS HERE, SO I'LL WRITE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW, MAYBE THERE'LL BE SOME. TAKE IT EASY, AND TELL NAT THANKS FOR THE LETTER AND I'LL WRITE REAL SOON.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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REPLY BY AIR MAIL

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TO Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry, APO 31
c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
L. Bank
1901 4th Ave. So.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Aug. 7, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, TODAY I HANDED IN MY RESIGNATION. I'M GOING BACK TO TUSCALOOSA AND LEARN THE ARMY STORE BUSINESS. I TALKED IT OVER WITH DADDY YESTERDAY, AND HE IS GOING TO HOT SPRINGS, AND I HAVEN'T THE NERVE TO ASK FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AFTER STAYING IN MIAMI THREE WEEKS SO I AM QUITTING AND I'M GOING TO RUN THE STORE, OR RATHER TRY. I'M GOING TO TRY HARD TO LEARN THE BUSINESS, TOO. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL STAY IN TUSCALOOSA, BUT I'LL SEE.

GOSH, BUT IT IS HOT AS THE DEVIL HERE. IT WAS HOT IN MIAMI BUT YOU DON'T FEEL THE HEAT THERE LIKE YOU DO HERE.

HAROLD, I HOPE YOU ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS NEWS VERY BADLY, BUT REMEMBER YOU TOLD ME NOT TO KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM YOU. WELL, HERE GOES, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RUTH TODAY AND SHE IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED IN OCTOBER TO A DOCTOR WHO IS STATIONED AT SHELBY. SHE SAID SHE HASN'T WRITTEN YOU IN A LONG TIME, SO I THOUGHT I WOULD BREAK THE NEWS TO YOU. YOU SHOULD WORRY, THOUGH. DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.

HAROLD, I DON'T BELIEVE IN WARTIME MARRIAGES, THAT'S WHY I'M NOT GETTING MARRIED NOW. OH, DON'T WORRY, I COULD BE MARRIED RIGHT NOW, BUT I'D RATHER WAIT UNTIL YOU AND BERT COME HOME. THAT'S WHAT I CALL A GOOD SISTER, ISN'T IT? SO HURRY UP AND BEAT THOSE D....JAPS AND BRING BERT HOME, AND WE'LL CELEBRATE.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. WENT HOME SATURDAY AND YESTERDAY MOTHER AND I WENT OUT TO SEE GEMA ROSENFELD AND HER HOME IS BEAUTIFUL. SHE WANTED US TO STAY FOR SUPPER BUT WE DIDN'T. SHE IS THE SWEETEST WOMAN IN TUSCALOOSA, DID YOU KNOW THAT?

HAROLD, ONE OF THE TERRY BOYS GOT KILLED. THE ONE WHO WAS MARRIED TO FRANCES MOLLEY, I THINK IT'S GENE, ISN'T IT? HE WAS KILLED IN FRANCE. MR. MONSKY DIED SATURDAY, LEROY'S FATHER. THAT JUST MADE ME SICK.

WELL, HAROLD, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, AND BRING BERT HOME, AND LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, HEAR? ARE YOU FAR FROM WHERE YOU WERE? WRITE DADDY.

LOVE TO NAT AND FANCHER,

LOTTIE

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry, APO 31
c/o P.M., San Francisco, California

FROM
L. Bank
1901 4th Ave. So.
Birmingham 5, Ala.
Aug. 8, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Dearest Harold,

Today is Tues. and it's really hot here - I guess I'll be leaving soon for Tuscaloosa - Harold, Jake's sister is getting married in a few weeks & a soldier I introduced her to - I surely was surprised - I'm getting ready & leave in a few minutes - Spent the nite at Aunt Bess's last nite - Did I tell you I saw Maj. Mart Jordan last - He surely does look good, too - His wife is going to have a baby - It was in the paper today that they raided Davao where Bert is but it hasn't been confirmed yet - I hope it won't be long - Bye now, be good & write

Love, Lottie

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TO: Sgt Harold L. Bank
20416637 - Co. "M"
167th Infantry, APO 31
c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
L. Bank
1901 - 4th Ave. So.
B'Ham 3, Ala.
Aug. 9, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

Dearest Harold,

Gosh, is it hot today! Not much news - Heard Bob Weingarten is engaged to a lawyer - Saw Juanita Faucher today and she's going to send Russell those trunks -

I'll send you some pictures this week - Hope you like them - Harold, do you mean to tell me you haven't received that one box from me? I just can't understand it - Spent the nite with Ed and Priscilla last nite - I guess I'll be leaving in a week or two - There's no news here - Hurry up & wipe those tears up so you and Bert can come home - Take nat I'll answer soon - Take care of yourself - Love, Lottie

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M. P. S. C. NO. 27

Written from

Aug. 10, 1944

File Reference

Dearest Harold,

Today is Thursday and I'm leaving in one week -

Spoke to Mrs. Vineyard today and she didn't have a thing to tell me - Also spoke to Mrs. Faucher and she's sending Russell his trunks -

I'm enclosing some pictures we took in Miami - Hope you get them - Did you ever get those pictures I sent you of Mother that we took Mother's Day? Also the big picture of me? It's not so good.

I wish I knew where you are - Could you be at Guam? Or are you still in New Guinea? I haven't heard from you in two weeks -

There's not much news here - Hat as the devil -

Are you getting my mail? Harold, I think the Allies are near Mindinao but I think they moved the prisoners - Hope it won't be long -

Well, there's no news today so I'll close with love and take care of yourself - Love.

Lottie

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20411667
Co. "M" - 167th Infantry
APO 31 - c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
L. Bank
1901 - 4th Ave. So.
Birmingham 3, Ala.
Aug. 11, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

Dearest Harold,

Received a letter from you today date July 29 and that's pretty fast work - Also received one from Russell - By the time you receive this letter I'll be in Tuscaloosa - Harold, the Americans have raided Davao where Bert is - The news came last nite - I wonder if Bert is still there or they moved them - Hope you are out of the hospital now - Good, what caused that fever? Don't ever write Mother when you're sick - She said yesterday you are getting the Letter - That's wonderful - Harold, are you are you not in action? I know from Jake's letters you are - Do you know Paul Katz - That was a coincidence, wasn't it? I have Nat a letter & Russell & I'll write soon - Tell them not to give up hope - Take care of yourself and write often - Lottie

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry, APO 31
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
L. B ank
1901 4th Ave. So.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

August 15, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY DATED JULY 25 and 26. IT'S FUNNY THAT LAST WEEK I RECEIVED ONE FROM YOU DATED JULY 29. SOME SERVICE, I'LL SAY.

SO THAT KATZ BOY IS LAZY, HUH? HIS SISTER IS PRETTY NICE, THEY ARE RIGHT NEXT TO THE HOTEL, THEY HAVE AN ORANGE JUICE, ETC. STAND, AND SERVE SANDWICHES, I THINK.

RECEIVED A LETTER TODAY FROM BURT, THE SOLDIER I MET DOWN THERE AND HE SAID HE IS COMING HERE WHEN HE GOES TO N.Y. ON FURLOUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS PLANNING, BUT HE SURELY IS CUTE.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, HAROLD? DON'T FORGET TO WRITE MOTHER THAT YOU ARE ALRIGHT NOW, BECAUSE SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. RECEIVED A CARD FROM DADDY THIS MORNING AND HE IS IN HOT SPRINGS, AND HE SAID HE FINISHED HIS FIRST BATH, MASSAGE, AND MANICURE AND LOST 6½ POUNDS, HOW ABOUT THAT? I'LL BET HE'LL HAVE A DARN GOOD TIME THERE, BECAUSE HE USUALLY HAS A GOOD TIME ANYWHERE HE GOES, AND I HOPE HE FINDS SOME MEN TO PLAY CARDS WITH BECAUSE HE WILL BE LOST IF HE DOESN'T.

TOMORROW IS MY LAST DAY HERE, I HATE TO THINK OF PACKING MY CLOTHES, WHAT A JOB, SO START WRITING ALL YOUR LETTERS HOME, HEAR?

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE, WENT TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT FRIEDS'S LAST NIGHT FOR SID AND WE SURELY DID HAVE FUN. WE LOOKED AT SOME MOTION PICTURES FOR A FEW HOURS, I DIDN'T GET HOME UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK. IT SURELY WAS FUN, TOO.

JAKE WROTE THAT A FRIEND OF HIS GOT KILLED OVER THERE BY A SNIPER SNARE, WHO WAS IT, ANYBODY I KNOW?

HAROLD, DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT BUDDY BLOCK BECAUSE I DON'T THINK AUNT ANNIE KNOWS IT YET. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE IS BUT WHEN I FIND OUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW, HEAR?

DID I WRITE YOU THAT LEROY MONSKY'S FATHER DIED TWO WEEKS AGO? HE WAS SUCH A FINE MAN, I SURELY DID FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT.

WELL, GOODBYE FOR TODAY SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND I'LL SEND YOU SOME MORE BOXES WHEN I GET HOME, HEAR?

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637

Co. "M", 167th Infantry, APO 31

San Francisco, California

c/o Postmaster

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

L. Bank

1901 4th Ave. So.

Birmingham 3, Ala.

August 15, 1944

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

BEFORE I CONTINUE I SAW ELIZABETH BIRNBSTEIN LAST NIGHT AND SHE SAID SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HER BROTHER IN LAW AND HE SAID HE BUMPED INTO YOU. HIS NAME IS BEN BIRNB STEIN, REMEMBER HIM? HE IS ON HIS WAY HOME. WISH IT WAS YOU.

JUST SAW COUSIN RAE AND SHE TOLD ME THAT BUDDY BLOCK IS VERY SICK, HE HAD AN ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS AND THEN PNEUMONIA AND JEANETTE, SIS AND HIS GIRL ARE THERE, MOTHER DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT AND AUNT ANNIE, SO DON'T WRITE EITHER OF THEM ABOUT IT, THEY SAY HE IS BETTER BUT HE IS STILL IN DANGER.

DADDY LEFT SAT. NIGHT FOR HOT SPRINGS AND THEN HE IS GOING TO CHICAGO, I'M GOING HOME FRIDAY SOMETIME AND I'LL STAY THERE UNTIL I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE, I CAN ALWAYS GET MY JOB BACK HERE IF NECESSARY BUT I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GOME BACK HERE.

STAYED IN TOWN LAST WEEK-END AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME,. I LAUGHED SO MUCH MY STOMACH WAS SORE YESTERDAY.

HAROLD, ARE YOU OUT OF THE HOSPITAL YET? I'M CERTAINLY SURPRISED YOU EVER WROTE DADDY ANYTHING ABOUT IT. NOW, MOTHER IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO WRITE HER AND TELL HER YOU ARE ALRIGHT, WILL YOU' WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH YOU? SOME KIND OF JUNGLE FEVER, I GUESS.

WELL, THEY ARE REALLY CLOSE TO THE PHILLIPPINES NOW, DAVAO IS THE PRINCIPAL CITY ON MINDANOU AND THAT IS WHERE HERT IS, YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU? WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF HE WERE RELEASED SOON?

DID YOU EVER GET THE CANDY WE SENT YOU FROM MIAMI? I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF CANDY BUT MAYBE YOU WILL WHEN AND IF YOU GET IT.

THERE ISN'T ANYMORE NEWS, AUNT BESS AND UNCLE JOE ARE IN TUSCALOOSA WITH MOTHER, THEY ARE GOING TO STAY THERE UNTIL I GO DOWN THERE.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU, AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTION, I KNOW JAKE IS AND FANCHER AND VINEYARD, SO I'M SURE YOU MUST BE, HAROLD, EVIDENTLY YOU HAVE BEEN IN TWO BATTLES BECAUSE DADDY SAID YOU WROTE FOR TWO STARS, TELL ME ABOUT THEM, WILL YOU?

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From

L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Aug. 24, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU YESTERDAY WRITTEN AUG. 5 AND RECEIVED ONE LAST WEEK WRITTEN AUG. 6. SOME SERVICE, I'LL SAY, AND YET YOU SAY V-MAIL IS FASTER. I DON'T THINK IT IS, HAROLD.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW, HAROLD. I HOPE. EVERYONE HERE IS O.K. BUT STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM BERT. LAST NIGHT'S PAPER SAID THE ALLIES BOMBED DAVAO AGAIN AND LEFT IT IN FLAMES, BUT I DON'T THINK BERT IS THERE, I THINK THEY MOVED THOSE PRISONERS. DON'T YOU?

HAROLD, YOU REMEMBER BRUCE MORSON, DON'T YOU? WELL, HE GOT KILLED OVER FRANCE. HE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOU AND I THINK HE WAS A FRIEND OF BERT'S TOO, WASN'T HE?

GOSH, I'VE BEEN GOING TO SLEEP AT TEN O'CLOCK EVERY NIGHT SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE AND I SURELY AM LAZY, TOO MUCH SLEEP AND I'M NOT USED TO IT. WELL, UNCLE JOE HAS TO GO TO BED EARLY, AND MOTHER GOES TO BED EARLY. AUNT ANNIE AND I PLAY GIN SOMETIMES, BUT USUALLY GO TO BED AT TEN O'CLOCK. JEANETTE CALLED LAST NIGHT. SHE IS WITH BUDDY, AND SHE SAID BUDDY IS BETTER. HE HAD PLEURICY PNEUMONIA, AND HAS TO BE IN BED FOR AT LEAST SIX MORE WEEKS. JEANETTE AND LUDWIG BOTH ARE AT THE CAMP. HE HAS BEEN SICK NOW OVER A MONTH. HE LOST 30 LBS., SO I GUESS HE MUST BE VERY THIN, BECAUSE HE WAS THIN WHEN HE WAS IN TUSCALOOSA A FEW MONTHS AGO.

THERE IS NO NEWS HERE, VERY HOT. DADDY PROBABLY GO TO CHICAGO TODAY. HE LEFT HOT SPRINGS YESTERDAY. HE SAID HE LOST 10½ LBS, BUT GAINED 3½ BACK. WHEN HE GETS TO CHICAGO HE'LL PROBABLY GAIN IT ALL BACK EATING.

WELL, I GUESS THAT IS ALL FOR TODAY, SO KEEP WELL, AND WRITE OFTEN. INCIDENTALLY, HOW OFTEN DO YOU WRITE, HAROLD? MOTHER SAID HELLO.

LOVE,

Lottie

V-MAIL

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Aug.26, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, TODAY IS SATURDAY AND WE ARE DOWN HERE EARLY. I GUESS DADDY WILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK. HE WILL PROBABLY CALL TONIGHT.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AUNT ANNIE CALLED ME AT KARTZINEL'S AND SAID, "LOTTIE, WAIT A MINUTE, THERE IS SOMEONE HERE WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU". WELL, LO AND BEHOLD, IT WAS BURT, THE SOLDIER I WENT WITH IN MIAMI. HE IS ON HIS WAY TO N.Y. TO GO OVERSEAS, AND HE FLEW TO ATLANTA, AND CAME TO TUSCALOOSA BY TRAIN TO SEE ME. HOW ABOUT THAT? I WAS NEVER SO SHOCKED IN ALL MY LIFE. WHEN I CAME BACK TO THE STORE AND TOLD MOTHER BURT IS HERE, SHE ALMOST FAINTED BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT I MEANT OUR BERT. GOSH, BUT HE IS CUTE, HAROLD. HE WANTS TO GET MARRIED AFTER HE COMES BACK. HE IS STAYING AT THE HOUSE. MOTHER LIKES HIM A LOT. HE IS REAL TALL AND VERY NICE LOOKING. HE REMINDS ME A LOT OF BERT, YOU KNOW, SORTA NUTS, BUT VERY NICE. HIS FATHER IS IN THE FUR BUSINESS, NOT BAD, HUH? WE'RE GOING TO BHAM TONITE AND HE IS LEAVING TOMORROW. HE HAS TO REPORT TO SOME PLACE IN N.Y. SEPT. 1, BUT HE WANTS TO SEE HIS FAMILY. HE IS FROM N.Y., BUT NOT A KIKE.

BUSINESS IS REALLY GOOD WHILE DADDY IS AWAY. WE SURELY DO MISS HIM, THOUGH. I'M SO GLAD AUNT ANNIE IS HERE. IT IS A LOT OF COMPANY.

WE SENT YOU ANOTHER BOX YESTERDAY. HAVE YOU GOTTEN ANY MORE? I THINK MOTHER SENDS TWO A WEEK.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. IT SURELY IS HOT HERE. DID I WRITE YOU SHIRLEY KARTZINEL IS GOING TO HAVE A BABY? YOU SHOULD SEE HER.

WELL, IT'S SAT. AND WE ARE GETTING BUSY SO I'D BETTER QUIT, SO TAKE IT EASY AND WRITE OFTEN. DO YOU KNOW A HARDIN BOY OVER THERE FROM TUSCALOOSA HIS FATHER IS WITH THE TELEPHONE COMPANY HERE.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Aug. 29, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

JUST GOT TO THE STORE AND THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE BEFORE WE GOT BUSY. I REALLY HAD A NIGHT'S SLEEP LAST NITE. I LAYED DOWN TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO AND FELL FAST ASLEEP AND DIDN'T GET UP UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, AND I STILL HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP ON MY SLEEP.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. IT'S GETTING HOT AGAIN. DADDY IS ATTENDING TO THE CHECK FOR MRS. REINFELD.

HAROLD, I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU BOYS DON'T GET MILK. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. THEY SAY THAT THE ARMY GETS EVERYTHING BUT EVIDENTLY THEY DON'T.

MARGARET PODESTA HAD A BABY BOY. MAZULTUFF.

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE OFTEN.

LOVE,
LOTTIE

Dearest Harold. I was sure glad to hear that you are feeling allright, and that you are getting the blues. I am feeling fine, but am tired of working sure will be glad when Daddy gets back. Business is fine. Hope you will come home soon. Be good and keep well.

Love and kisses. Mother

V···-MAIL

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Aug. 30, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU FORWARDED TO ME OF AUG. 14. GOT ONE YESTERDAY OF AUG. 13, 10, 9. HAROLD, I HOPE YOU STAY ON THE BACK LINES. I DIDN'T EVEN READ THAT LETTER TO MOTHER. SO YOU SAW YOUR FIRST JAP. WHY DIDN'T YOU CUT HIM UP IN LITTLE PIECES? HAVE YOU'LL CAPTURED ANYMORE? HAROLD, WE SENT YOU FOUR OR FIVE ROLLS OF 35 MM. FILM. I GOT IT IN MIAMI. YOU'LL BE GETTING IT SOON. I'LL TRY TO GET SOME MORE HERE IF I CAN, BUT IT IS HARD TO FIND. MIAMI IS ABOUT THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN FIND IT. MOTHER WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU GOT THE SALAMI AND THE COOKIES SHE SENT YOU. IF SO, WHAT KIND OF SHAPE THEY CAME IN? LET HER KNOW, HEAR? IF IT GOT TO YOU ALRIGHT SHE WILL SEND YOU SOME MORE. WE SENT YOU ANOTHER BOX YESTERDAY, A FRUIT CAKE AND SOME CANNED FRUIT.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET YOU A SUBSCRIPTION OF "OMNIBOOK". DO YOU WANT US TO SEND YOU SOME MAGAZINES FROM HERE, IF SO, WRITE AND ASK FOR IT. DON'T BE BASHFUL, HA, HA.

JUST GOT A LETTER FROM NAOMI, SHE SURELY DOES ANSWER PROMPTLY. SHE SAID SHE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU. SHE SAID HER BROTHER WAS IN THE BATTLE OF ST. LO AND IS PROBABLY ON HIS WAY TO PARIS. DID YOU EVER MEET HIM? SHE SURELY IS WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

FRIDAY IS BERT'S BIRTHDAY, AND MOTHER HAS BEEN CRYING OVER IT FOR A WEEK NOW. IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF WE COULD HEAR FROM HIM BEFORE THEN. BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE LONG BEFORE MACARTHUR WILL INVADE THE PHILLIPPINES, DO YOU? HOPE YOU WON'T BE IN THAT INVASION. WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY MIGHT HAVE MOVED THE PRISONERS, IF THEY DID.

HAROLD, MRS. KARTZINEL WAS LOOKING AT THOSE ASH TRAYS OR WHATEVER THEY ARE THAT YOU SENT DADDY MADE FROM BULLITS, AND SHE SAID SHE SURELY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ONE, SO IF YOU COME ACROSS ANYMORE SEND HER ONE. AND ALSO SEND REGINA ROSENFELD ONE, BECAUSE SHE IS ONE SWEET PERSON, AND SHE SURELY WOULD APPRECIATE IT. SO DON'T FORGET.

WE CLOSE AT ONE O'CLOCK TODAY, SO I THINK I'LL GO TO THE SHOW. I MIGHT GO TO BHAM THIS WEEKEND. MONDAY IS LABOR DAY AND WE'LL BE CLOSED ALL DAY. THERE IS NO BUSINESS AT ALL THIS MORNING. WE COULD HAVE KEPT CLOSED, BUT WE SURELY HAVE BEEN DOING A DARN GOOD BUSINESS SINCE DADDY HAS BEEN GONE. OH, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BUDDY BLOCK AND HE IS MUCH BETTER, BUT HE SURELY WAS A SICK BOY. HAVE YOU WRITTEN HIM LATELY?

WELL, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND STAY AWAY FROM THOSE GUNS, AND WRITE. MOTHER WROTE YOU A FEW LINES YESTERDAY. DID YOU GET IT YET?

LOVE,
LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Aug. 31, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER FROM YOU FORWARDED TO ME DATED AUG. 15. YOU DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY. I ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER TODAY FROM EVELYN ROBINSON. SHE SAID AARON ROBINSON IS COMING HOME SOON. I THINK HE HAS BEEN IN AUSTRALIA. HAROLD, EVELYN AND BERNICE ARE NIECES OF ARBRO. ARE YOU SURE YOU NEVER MET THEM?

DADDY CALLED LAST NITE FROM CHICAGO AND WE TALKED TO HIM A LONG TIME. HE SAID AUNT STELLA ISN'T THE SAME, AND WHEN SHE SMILES HE SAID IT IS A FORCED SMILE. MOTHER TALKED TO HER LAST NITE AND SHE TOLD MOTHER SHE HOPES HER BOYS WILL BE HOME SOON AND BURST OUT CRYING. I SURELY DO FEEL SORRY FOR HER. DADDY IS LEAVING CHICAGO TONITE AND WILL BE HERE TOMORROW NITE.

GENA ROSENFIELD AND HER TWO SISTERS CAME OVER TO SEE US LAST NITE AND WE SURELY DID HAVE A LOT OF FUN. I THINK GENA IS ONE OF THE SWEETEST WOMEN IN THIS TOWN.

THERE'S NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. MOTHER, AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN WENT OUT TO SEE UNCLE JAKE YESTERDAY AND THEY SAID HE WAS WONDERFUL, AND HE KNEW AUNT ANNIE, TOO. HAROLD, IT'S FUNNY YOU NEVER ASK ABOUT UNCLE JAKE. WHY IS THAT? I OFTEN WONDERED.

BLANCHE GORDON WEISS IS IN BROOKSIDE, AND I'M GOING TO BHAM THIS WEEKEND AND I'LL GET TO SEE HER. I SURELY WILL BE GLAD TO SEE HER, TOO. SHE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA NOW.

NO NEWS TODAY. I JUST WONDER IF THE GERMANS WILL SURRENDER WHEN THE ALLIES INVADE GERMANY. THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE GERMAN BORDER NOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK? I WONDER WHEN THE INVASION OF THE PHILLIPPINES WILL BE.

WELL, MOTHER SAID HELLO, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND ARE YOU STILL GETTING ALL THE BOXES. TELL NAT AND FANCHER HELLO.

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Sept. 6, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, I GOT BACK LAST NIGHT. WENT TO BIRMINGHAM OVER LABOR DAY. SPENT A LITTLE TIME WITH BLANCHE IN BROOKSIDE. SHE IS HOME NOW FOR A FEW WEEKS, AND SHE SURELY DOES LOOK GOOD. MARRIED LIFE IS REALLY AGREEING WITH HER.

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Setp. 7, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, ANOTHER DAY, AND TODAY IS THE DAY WHEN THE WAR WITH GERMANY SHOULD BE OVER according TO STATISTICS, BUT NOT YET, AND IT IS NOW 12:30 P.M. MAYBE IT WILL BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER.

WENT TO SEE "GOING MY WAY" MO LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD. DID YOU SEE IT?

I GUESS YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MY LETTER TELLING YOU ABOUT RUTH GETTING MARRIED. I HOPE YOU DIDN'T FEEL TO BADLY ABOUT IT, BUT REMEMBER YOU SAID NOT TO KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM YOU? WELL????

NO NEWS TODAY. IT'S REALLY HOT HERE NOW. BUSINESS IS GOOD WITH DADDY AS USUAL. I WANT TO MOVE BUT MOTHER SAYS NO, SHE WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL YOU AND BERT COME HOME, BUT I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THAT OLD HOUSE. IT'S SO BIG AND OLD IT'S TERRIBLE.

HAROLD, I AM TRYING TO GET MOTHER TO GO BACK TO N.YL WITH AUNT ANNIE AND SHE SAYS NO. WRITE HER AND TELL HER TO GO WITH HER, HEAR? THEY WILL BE HERE FOR SOMETIME YET.

NELSON HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO FRANCE TO A HOSPITAL. HE WAS IN ENGLAND SOMEWHERE. I SURELY DON'T LIKE NELSON'S IN.LAWS IN MIAMI. THEY ARE JUST PLAIN PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T HAVE MONEY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN GOT IT. DON'T YOU EVER WRITE ANYBODY I TOLD YOU THAT. I JUST CAN'T STAND TO BE AROUND MR. SARKIN, AND I DON'T CARE FOR ADEL EITHER, NELSON'S WIFE.

I DON'T KNOW IF I TOLD YOU OR NOT, BUT BLANCHE IS FLYING TO ATLANTA TOMORROW AND I TRIED TO GET RESERVATIONS TO GO WITH HER AND COULDN'T. I SURELY DID WANT TO GO. WANTED TO GO BY PLANE BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN ON ONE AND I WAS SO EXCITED.

WELL, NO NEWS. MOTHER AND DADDY ARE FINE. HAROLD, DON'T FORGET TO SEND REGINA ROSENFELD SOMETHING FROM OVER THERE. SHE IS SUCH A SWEET PERSON. SHE TOLD MOTHER ABOUT THAT FRUIT CAKE WE SENT YOU LAST WEEK AND WENT DOWN AND GOT IT AND BROUGHT IT TO THE STORE. WRITE HER SOMETIMES EVEN IF YOU DON'T SEND HER ANYTHING. WE'RE GOING OUT TO SEE THEM ONE NIGHT NOW THAT DADDY HAD THE DARN CAR FIXED, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE CAR WILL STAY THAT WAY. I GET SO AGGRIVATED WITH IT. WELL, THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO KEEP WELL AND STAY AWAY FROM THE JAPS. THEY ARE REALLY GOING AFTER THE PHILLIPPINES.

LOVE

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From
L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)
Sept. 8, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU TODAY DATED AUG. 25. I'LL BET YOU REALLY ENJOYED SEEING BOB HOPE AND JERRY COLONA. I SAW JERRY COLONA IN N.Y. WHEN I WAS THERE AND HE IS RATHER SILLY.

I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU FOUND OUT I WAS HOME BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WRITING ME TO HERE. I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND YOU SOME ROLLERS FOR THE FILM TODAY. HOPE I CAN FIND THEM.

MOTHER AND I ARE AT THE STORE THIS MORNING. DADDY GOT BUSY AND CALLED US AND MOTHER HAD SOME SHOPPING TO DO, TOO. I WISH SHE WOULD DO A LITTLE SHOPPING FOR HERSELF. SHE NEVER BUYS ANYTHING FOR HERSELF. THERE IS NO NEWS HERE. BUSINESS IS GOOD. HAROLD, AREN'T YOU NAKED IN ONE OF THOSE PICTURES YOU SENT? IT SURELY DOES LOOK LIKE IT. THERE IS ANOTHER BOY IN THE PICTURE AND IT LOOKS LIKE NAT. I KNOW ONE OF THE BOYS IS JAKE AND ONE IS NAT WITH YOU. AM I RIGHT? DID YOU EVER GET THE PICTURES I SENT YOU I TOOK IN MIAMI? HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM? I LIKE THE ONE OF ME IN MY BATHING SUIT LEANING AGAINST A BRICK WALL, DON'T YOU? NOT BRAGGING, BUT I DON'T THINK EITHER OF THEM ARE BAD, DO YOU?

NOT MUCH NEWS HERE. BUDDY BLOCK IS MUCH BETTER BUT IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL. I HEAR FROM HIM.

WELL, MOTHER WANTS ME TO GO BUY SOME POTATOES AND CIGARETTES SO BE GOOD AND WRITE.

LOVE,

MOTHER

Dearest Harold
Well Daddy is back and was glad to see him. he looks fine and feeling good. He also bought a lot of stuff. I hope you are getting the letters as we are sending 2 very week. Your Brother has been here all week. Love mother

V-MAIL

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San Francisco, California

FROM
L. Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Sept. 9, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

Dearest Harold,

Today is Sat. and I can't take much time off to write - Received another letter from you today - Don't worry, I don't like Tuscaloosa worth a darn - I'll stay here for a while - I'd love to go back to Miami - I know a few girls who want to go - Harold, it's hard to find any rollers for your film but I'll continue looking - Business is darn good - Daddy surely does look good since he came back from Hot Springs - He said he wants to take Mother there - I told him I would stay in the store but he won't do it - Well, this is all so be good & let us know each bot you get - Mother said hello - Lottie

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
SEP 11
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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
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AIRMAIL

September 11, 1944

Dearest Harold,

Received your letter today of Aug. 22 and you said to try writing ordinary mail, so I'll start today and see if you like it better, and if you do I'll continue to do so. Daddy will continue to write V-mail.

I'm also answering your letters of Aug. 25 and 26 which I got last week.

Too bad you only slept 13 hours when you heard bout Ruth. Do you know, I wrote her and congratulated her, etc., and I haven't heard from her since then. I wonder why she didn't write me. I should worry. She asked me to still come down and see her, because she is very anxious to meet me. How did you meet that girl from Dayton, Ohio? You were never up there.

Listen, Harold, stop worrying me about those rollers for your film. I can't get any in Tuscaloosa, so when I go to Bham I'll try to get them there. You should have received those 35 mm films I sent you, but maybe it's still too soon. I got them in Miami.

Harold, you surely are lucky to have a Mother that sends you so many boxes. Surely am glad you are getting them now. They seem to come all at once, don't they? You should be getting a fruit cake pretty soon, and it surely did look good. I wanted to dive in it.

I see you had to change your time for going into conference since you are in New Guinea. You used to go at night, didn't you? Harold, I looked on the map for Dutch New Guinea, and I can't find it unless it is the northern end of New Guinea, is it? I'm glad you got the box I sent you with the map. Is it useful? I think MacArthur is getting ready to invade the Phillippines. There was a picture of him and Gen. Persons in the paper yesterday so you must have seen him recently, huh? There was also a big writeup about what the 31st division is doing. I guess you've received that paper by now.

I used the old camera, box type that you left at home to take those pictures I took in Miami. It's still a good camera. I know Mother's pictures weren't very good, but I thought you might like to have them anyway. Harold, I don't understand what kind of missions you go on unless it is to guard the island. Is that right? Don't worry, I write you regularly. I might miss a day or two once in a while but not very often, so don't worry about it.

Yesterday, Aunt Minnie, Malvern, Uncle Morris and Beverley were at the house and boy, they surely did get in the smoosing. Malvern is a civilian now. You see, he has one more year in dental school and he can take his choice, of going into the medial corps or being a civilian and finishing school, so he is going to finish school. He'll graduate next May and will be a dentist.

Mother and Aunt Annie are going to Bham tomorrow to seeaall the folks. I guess I'll stay home with Daddy. I think I'll stay here a few months, and then I'd like to go back to Miami. Harold, I have never been to a place I liked so much. I just love that place. It's just beautiful, and I know a lot of people down there by now.

Business is very good. Daddy looks good, too, since he came back from Hot Springs and Chicago.

Harold, when are you going to get a promotion? Don't you think it is time? oh, before I forget here is Leona Rich's husband's address: Staff Sgt. Howard C. Stuart, 34702690, Det. 28th Photo Reconn. Sq., APO 244, c/o P.M., San Fran. I think he is on Saipan, but he may have been moved. Try to find him. Have you seen Sam Goldblatt again?

Well, no more news, so be good and write often, and don't forget to write Regina and try to send her something, Harold, if you can because she is so nice to us.

Love,

Lottie

3018 5th St.,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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1944

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San /Francisco, California

A I R M A I L

September 12, 1944

Dearest Harold,

We received a Dixie Doodle and an invoice for your pen, and Daddy is attending to it, so don't worry about it, also we received a clipping about promotions and rank, etc., and Daddy read it.

Mother, Aunt Annie and Uncle Nathan went to Bham this morning and I couldn't go because I have to stay in the store with Daddy because Rosa didn't come yesterday and didn't come today, and the little shuckha didn't come either, so I couldn't leave Daddy alone.

No news here, Harold. We didn't get a letter from you today so I have nothing to answer by.

The war news certainly does look good. They are five miles in Germany, and I hope by the time you receive this letter Germany will have surrendered. They are also getting ready to invade the Phillippines. I wonder how Bert will let us know when he is released. Do you think he will cable us from over there or wait until he gets to the states? Everyday they bomb Davao and that is where he is and I think that is the reason we haven't heard from him in so long. What do you think?

Well, I'm sending you a box today, so you have another on the way. Mother is so surprised you haven't received the salami yet because she sent it months ago. I guess it'll be spoiled by now, but maybe not.

Well, this is all. Tell Nat he owes me a long letter, al so I think Fancher does, too. So be good and your pictures are being developed, the negatives you sent the other day.

Love,

Lottie

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To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. XXXX "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Sept. 13, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

MOTHER, DADDY AND I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU YESTERDAY. I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO START WRITING TO ALL THREE OF US IN THE SAME LETTER WHEN YOU FOUND OUT I WAS HOME. I WOULD APPRECIATE SEPARATE LETTERS IF YOU DON'T MIND.

DADDY AND I WENT OUT FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT AND TO A SHOW, XXXXX "CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY" WITH DEANNA DURBIN AND I CRIED SO MUCH I COULD HARDLY STOP. IT SURELY WAS GOOD, EVEN DADDY LIKED IT. CAME HOME AND LISTENED TO BOB HOPE, FRANCHES LANGFORD AND JERRY COLONA AND EXPECTED TO HEAR A MESSAGE SENT TO US BY THEM, BUT NO SOAP.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BUDDY TODAY AND HE SAID HE HEARD FROM YOU LAST WEEK. AUNT ANNIE WROTE YOU, TOO SINCE SHE HAS BEEN HERE.

HAROLD, BEN NIRENSTEIN IS FROM BHAM. I SAW HIS SISTER-IN-LAW NOT HIS SISTER AND SHE TOLD ME THAT HE WROTE THAT HE BUMPED INTO YOU IN NEW GUINEA. I'M SURE SHE SAID IT WAS HER BROTHER-IN-LAW AND NOT HER BROTHER. IF IT WAS HER BROTHER THE NAME WAS WEINSTEIN, BUT I KNOW SHE TOLD ME IT WAS HER BROTHER-IN-LAW AND OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS NAME WAS, BUT DID YOU MEET A BOY WHO HAS RELATIVES IN BHAM?

HAROLD, IT SEEMS YOU CAN NEVER GET ANYTHING STRAIGHT WHEN I WRITE YOU. PAUL KATZ'S SISTER AND HER HUSBAND OWN AN ORANGE JUICE STAND NEXT DOOR TO THE HOTEL WHERE WE STAYED. IS THAT CLEAR?

DADDY BOUGHT A LOT OF NEW MERCHANDISE WHEN HE WAS IN CHICAGO, SOME SECOND HAND STUFF, TOO, AND I'M TELLING YOU, THE STORE IS FULL. OH, WE GOT A BOND FROM YOU TODAY.

SENT YOU A BOX YESTERDAY, SOME CANNED GOODS AND DADDY SENT YOU A KNIFE, TOO, A KNIFE, IN CASE YOU CAN'T MAKE IT OUT. IT'S COOL HERE NOW IN THE MORNING AND AT NIGHT, BUT HOT DURING THE DAY. ISN'T THAT FUNNY? HOW'S BY YOU? ONE THING, YOU SURELY ARE A GOOD WEATHER MAN, EVERY LETTER YOU WRITE THERE IS A PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE WEATHER. I GUESS IT NEVER GETS COLD OVER THERE, DOES IT? WELL, THIS IS ALL FOR TODAY SO BE GOOD AND WRITE.

LOVE,
LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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From
L. Bank
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Sept. 14, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, TODAY IS THURSDAY AND THE WEEK IS ALMOST UP. MOTHER IS COMING BACK TONIGHT. DADDY AND I WENT TO THE WRESTLING MATCHES LAST NITE AND THEY SURELY WERE GOOD. FIRST THEY GOT FIVE WRESTLERS IN THE RING TO SEE WHO WILL BE REFEREE, WELL, SAILOR WATKINS WAS AND HE IS THE DIRTIEST ONE I EVER SAW. EVERYONE WAS SO MAD BECAUSE HE GAVE THE MATCH TO A WRESTLER THAT WAS SO UNFAIR. SOME EXCITEMENT. I LOVE WRESTLING MATCHES.

NO NEWS HERE. BUSINESS IS GOOD. I JUST GOT SO TICKLED AT DADDY. HE TRIES TO WEAR HIS TEET (TEETH) AND HE GOT GAGGED and I GOT SO TICKLED I COULDN'T STOP LAUGHING. HE SAID HE IS GOING TO THE DENTIST THIS WEEK AND HAVE THEM FIXED. HE LOOKS GOOD WITH THEM IN BUT HE LOOKS TERRIBLE WITHOUT THEM. HE SAID "I JUST CAN'T WEAR DOSE THINGS". EVERYTIME I THINK ABOUT IT I GET TICKLED. SEE, I WAS WAITING ON A CUSTOMER AND I HEARD HIM AND GOT TICKLED.

I JUST SAW IN THE PAPER AND HEARD OVER THE RADIO THAT THE JAPS HAVE AGREED TO LET ALL PRISONERS SEND A 10 WORD CABLE WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN ABOUT A MONTH. GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT. MAYBE BY THAT TIME THE PHILLIPPINES WILL HAVE BEEN INVADED.

I GUESS WE'LL EITHER STAY IN TUSCALOOSA OR GO TO BHAM FOR THE HOLIDAYS WHICH IS THIS SUNDAY, ROSH HASHONAH. HAPPY NEW YEAR. HOPE NEXT YEAR YOU AND BERT WILL BE HOME.

WELL, NO MORE NEWS SO BE GOOD AND WRITE TO ME EVEN THOUGH I AM AT HOME. I HOPE I CAN GO BACK TO MIAMI.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
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San Francisco, California

From L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

September 15, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, TODAY THE NEWS LOOKS WONDERFUL ESPECIALLY IN THE PACIFIC. MACARTHUR IS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE PHILLIPPINES, AND ESPECIALLY MINDANAO. MAYBE BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS LETTer THE INVASION WILL BE ON ALREADY.

MOTHER AND AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN CAME BACK LAST NITE, AND DECIDED WE ARE GOING TO BHAM FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND I SURELY AM GLAD, TOO. WE'LL BE AT AUNT BESSIE'S.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NAOMI YESTERDAY. I'M TELLING YOU WE SURELY DO ANSWER ONE ANOTHER PROMPTLY. SHE SAID SHE FEELS LIKE SHE HAS BEEN WRITING TO SOMEONE SHE HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS AND I ONLY MET HER ONCE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT ME.....DO YOU? HA, HA. YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM RUTH SINCE I WROTE HER AND CONGRATULATED HER? I'LL HAVE TO WRITE AND FIND OUT WHAT IS WRONG.

GOT A LETTER FROM THE CIVILIAN WHO LIVES IN MIAMI YESTERDAY, AND HE HAD PLANNED ON COMING TO BHAM, BUT HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS. HE HAS A WHOLESALE GROCERY. HE WAS IN THE ARMY AND LOST TWO FINGERS AND WAS DISCHARGED. NICE GUY, TOO.

HAROLD, I GOT MOTHER A RAT FOR HER HAIR AND SHE IS WEARING IT DIFFERENT NOW, AND IT LOOKS SO MUCH BETTER. WHEN YOU WRITE HER, TELL HER YOU HEARD SHE HAD A NEW HAIRDO, HEAR? IT LOOKS A LOT BETTER. I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME PICTURES BEFORE AUNT ANNIE LEAVES AND I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU.

MR. SWAIM CAME IN YESTERDAY WITH ANNIE LAURIE'S LITTLE GIRL, AND SHE IS BEAUTIFUL. SHE IS TWO YEARS OLD AND LOOKS LIKE ANNIE LAURIE ONLY SHE IS A BLONDE, AND HAS GREAT BIG BLUE EYES.

NO NEWS HERE, EVERYONE IS FINE. I THINK MOTHER WROTE TWICE ON A LETTERS I WROTE YOU. YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN THEM BY NOW, HUH? WELL, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND TELL NAT THE CHECK HAS BEEN FIXED UP ALREADY.

LOVE,
LOTTIE

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From
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

September 16, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

TODAY IS SATURDAY AND WE ARE ALL IN THE STORE. RIGHT NOW WE AREN'T SO BUSY AND SITTING AROUND TALKING ABOUT THE ATTACKS ON THE PHILLIPPINES. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE LONG. MOTHER IS CRYING AND DADDY IS SHOOTING THE BULL. MATT GRINTON IS IN HERE ASKING ABOUT YOU AND BERT. DADDY SAID BERT IS A MAJOR NOW, BECAUSE HE SAW IN THE PAPER THAT THEY ADVANCED ALL THE PRISONERS IN RANK. THINK HE IS RIGHT OR JUST TALKING.

NO NEWS HERE. I'M GOING TO BHAM THIS AFTERNOON WITH AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN AND MOTHER AND DADDY ARE COMING TOMORROW. IT'S ROSH HASHONAH NOW AND WE DECIDED TO GO TO BHAM. I TRIED MY DARNDEST TO GET MOTHER TO BUY A NEW SUIT, BUT SHE WOULDN'T BUY ANYTHING FOR HERSELF FOR NOTHING. I WISH YOU WOULD WRITE HER AND GIVE HER THE DEVIL BECAUSE SHE NEVER BUYS ANYTHING FOR HERSELF. TELL HER IT WILL DO YOU GOOD OR SOMETHING IF SHE WOULD BUY SOMETHING FOR HERSELF, HEAR, AND SEE IF THAT WILL DO ANY GOOD. I DOUBT IT, BUT MAYBE IT WILL.

WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY WRITTEN ON SEPT. 1 WHICH TOOK EXACTLY TWO WEEKS. I SENT YOU A BOX TODAY, SOME CANDY AND A LITTLE KIT THAT I GOT ON SALE, I TOLD YOU BEFORE I WAS SENDING YOU TWO OF THEM, BUT WE ARE SENDING THE OTHER ONE TO LEONA RICH'S HUSBAND BECAUSE THEY ARE SO NICE. THAT BOX IS FROM ME AND NOT FROM MOTHER AND DADDY, UNDERSTAND, SO DON'T SAY I NEVER SEND YOU ANYTHING.

SO YOU MOVED AGAIN. WHEN YOU GOING TO STOP MOVING? THINK YOU'LL MOVE INTO THE PHILLIPPINES? I HOPE NOT, BUT I CAN'T GET OVER WHAT WONDERFUL AND FAST WORK THEY ARE DOING OVER THERE. GUESS BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS LETTER THEY WILL HAVE INVADED ALREADY, AND I HOPE BERT WILL CABLE US HE IS ALRIGHT. WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR SID ROSEN IS IN NEW CALEDONIA. SURE, I REMEMBER HIM, HOW COULD I FORGET HIM? WHERE ARE THE REST OF YOUR FRAT BROTHERS?

WELL, THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON AND OFTEN AND SAY HELLO TO ALL THE BOYS.

LOVE,
LOTTIE

Dearest Harold.
Just a few lines to wish you a happy New Year, hope next year we will be together. Love will we are all well.
With love
Mother

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
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San Francisco, California

From
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(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Sept. 25, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

I HAVEN'T WRITTEN YOU IN A WEEK BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TO BHAM AND MONTGOMERY. WE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU THIS MORNING AND ABOUT TEN OF THOSE PAPERS YOU SEND. GLAD YOU ARE GETTING THE BOXES NOW.

CLIFF ATKINSON, LT. COL., IF YOU PLEASE, CAME BY THE STORE THIS MORNING AND HE JUST RETURNED FROM THE PACIFIC AND SAID HE MET A BOY OVER THERE WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PHILLIPPINES AND LIVED WITH BERT. HE SAID HE WAS ALRIGHT.

I HAD A DARN GOOD TIME IN MONTGOMERY, AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHO FRIEDA GOT ME A DATE WITH, NONE OTHER THAN THE RABBI AND HE IS A VERY HANDSOME MAN. YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW HE WAS A RABBI, HE IS QUITE CAREFREE AND LOTS OF FUN. HE ASKED ME TO COME BACK FOR YOM KIPPUR SO I AM GOING TOMORROW. HE IS ONLY 29 YEARS OLD.

BUSINESS IS VERY GOOD. MOTHER, AUNT ANNIE AND UNCLE NATHAN WENT TO BHAM THIS MORNING TO BE THERE FOR YOM KIPPUR. DADDY IS GOING TOMORROW. AUNT ANNIE LEAVES THIS COMING SUNDAY, AND WE SURELY DO HATE TO SEE THEM LEAVE, TOO.

WELL, THEY ARE BOMBING MANILA NOW AND MAYBE BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS LETTER THEY WILL HAVE INVADED. I SEE IN THE PAPER EVERYDAY WHERE GEN. PERSONS AND HIS 31st DIVISION ARE ON MORETAI ISLAND. ARE YOU THERE, TOO? WHERE IS IT LOCATED? THE PAPER SAYS THE WHOLE 31ST DIVISION IS IN ACTION. AS LONG AS WE HEAR FROM YOU IT'S ALRIGHT. JUST DON'T GET NEAR THOSE JAPS.

HAROLD, I HAD THOSE NEGATIVES DEVELOPED AND I ALMOST DIED LAUGHING WHEN I SAW THOSE PICTURES OF NAT IN THE NUDE. I'LL BET IF HE KNEW WE HAD THEM HE WOULD DIE. THERE IS ONE OF YOU IN THE NUDE TOO, BUT THE ONE OF NAT IS MUCH BETTER. HA, HA, HA.

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. DADDY SAID HE DIDN'T WRITE YOU THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE FORGOT HIS GLASSES.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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San Francisco, California

From

L. Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

Sept. 26, 1944
Date

DEAREST HAROLD,

IT'S NOT EVEN EIGHT O'CLOCK AND HERE I AM AT THE STORE. DADDY WENT OUT AND PLAYED POKER LAST NITE AND WHEN HE CAME IN HE SET THE ALARM ON THE CLOCK AND LEFT THE DARN THING IN THE KITCHEN. WELL, IT RANG AND RANG AND HE STILL SLEPT SO I HAD TO WAKE HIM UP AND I DIDN'T GO BACK TO SLEEP. I'M GOING TO MONTGOMERY AT 10:15 THIS MORNING SO I THOUGHT I MIGHT AS WELL GET UP AND COME DOWN. THE DARN CAR IS NOT WORKING AGAIN SO I GUESS IT WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO ITS OLD STOMPING GROUNDS, THE GARAGE.

BUDDY CALLED AUNT ANNIE LAST NITE BUT SHE WASN'T THERE SO DADDY AND I TALKED TO HIM. HE IS LEAVING THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW. HE SAID HE IS FEELING MUCH BETTER. DO YOU KNOW THAT BOY LOST 25 LBS. GOSH, THERE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING LEFT OF HIM.

DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS BUT REGINA TOLD ME YESTERDAY THEY BAKED FRUIT CAKES LAST NITE AND ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO YOU. SEE, I TOLD YOU TO SEND GENA SOMETHING, DIDN'T I?

GEN. PERSON'S PICTURE HAS BEEN IN THE PAPER ALMOST EVERYDAY TELLING ABOUT HIS NEW RAID ON MORSTAI ISLAND. I GUESS YOU ARE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?

HAROLD, YOU KNOW, I JUST HAVE AN IDEA THAT THE JAPS MOVED ALL THE PRISONERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES. MAYBE I'M WRONG AND I HOPE I AM BE CAUSE IF THEY ARE STILL THERE I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE LONG BEFORE THEY ARE ALL LIBERATED. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NOT MUCH NEWS HERE NOW. BUSINESS IS GOOD. DADDY WAS A LITTLE SICK SAT. A MAN CAME IN AND BOUGHT A $89.50 SADDLE AND SEVERAL HOURS LATER HE CAME BACK AND SAID HIS BEHIND DOESN'T FIT IN IT EXACTLY RIGHT SO DADDY HAD TO GIVE HIM HIS MONEY BACK. GOSH, DADDY WAS SICK ALL DAY. IT'S A BEAUTY, TOO.

WELL, THIS IS ALL, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE OFTEN, AND AS YOU NOTICE I WRITE YOU SEPARATE LETTERS AND YOU WRITE TO US ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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FROM

TO Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

Lottie Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Oct. 4, 1944

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, ANOTHER DAY. SAMMIE JOSPIN CAME TO THE HOUSE THIS MORNING. HE IS HOME ON A 15 DAY FURLOUGH AND IS GOING OVERSEAS WHEN HE GETS BACK. HE LOOKS WONDERFUL. 2ND LT. JOSPIN, AHEM. DO YOU CORRESPOND WITH HIM?

RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO RUTH YAFFE'S WEDDING YESTERDAY. I'D LIKE TO GO BUT SHE DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME.

SAW CAROLINE BEATTY YESTERDAY. HER HUSBAND IS IN ENGLAND. SHE ASKED ABOUT YOU.

THERE IS NO NEWS HERE. MOTHER AND DADDY ARE FINE, AND SO IS BUSINESS I JUST WONDER WHEN THIS D....WAR WILL BE OVER SO WE CAN ALL CELEBRATE. HAROLD, WHEN YOU AND BERT COME HOME I ACTUALLY THINK I'LL GET DRUNK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE.

EVERYONE TELLS ME I'VE LOST WEIGHT SO I GUESS I HAVE.

THERE IS NO NEWS, HAROLD, SO GUESS I'LL CLOSE. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GET TO THE PHILLIPPINES IF YOU EVER DO AND I HOPE YOU DON'T. THEY ARE REALLY GIVING THE JAPS A FIT OVER THERE, AREN'T THEY? I WONDER IF THEY MOVED THE PRISONERS.

THIS IS ALL, SO BE GOOD.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
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San Francisco, California

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Lottie Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

October 5, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

WELL, MOTHER AND I ARE IN THE STORE NOW WHILE DADDY WENT OUT TO BUY SOMETHING, I DON'T KNOW WHAT. HE'LL BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES. BUSINESS IS REALLY TERRIBLE TODAY. I JUST WENT OUT AND GOT MY LITTLE RADIO. I HAD IT FIXED. NOW, I WON'T HAVE TO ARGUE WITH DADDY EVERY NITE. HE WANTS TO LISTEN TO ONE THING AND I WANT TO LISTEN TO ANOTHER, SO I'M PUTTING MINE IN THE FRONT BEDROOM. BEING I'M GOING TO USE THAT ROOM I'M GOING TO FIX IT UP NICE. I WANT TO GO DOWN TO THE AGENCY, THOUGH, AND SEE IF WE CAN'T GET A HOUSE OR AN APARTMENT AND MOVE. I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS HOUSE.

I READ AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER LAST NITE ABOUT THE BOYS ON MORATAI ISLAND, HOW THEY LIVE, ETC. IT DIDN'T SOUND SO GOOD TO ME. MOTHER SHOULD ONLY KNOW.

HAROLD, HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ACTION YET? I'M SURE BY NOW YOU HAVE. JUST BE CAREFUL, WILL YOU?

WE WENT OUT TO SEE SHIRLEY YESTERDAY AND SHE LOOKS WONDERFUL BETTER THAN SHE HAS EVER LOOKED. IT SEEMS HAVING A BABY AGREES WITH HER. HER BABY WEIGHED SEVEN POUNDS. IT SEEMS SO FUNNY TO SEE HER WITH A BABY. SHE LOOKS LIKE A BABY HERSELF.

GUESS YOU HEARD ALFRED E. SMITH DIED. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HEARD SOME MAN POLITICING FOR DEWEY LAST NIGHT AND WAS HE ANTI-ROOSEVELT. IT SURELY DID MAKE ME MAD, THE THINGS HE SAID ROOSEVELT HAD PROMISED AND DIDN'T FULFIL, ETC. WELL, I'M SURE ROOSEVELT WILL WIN THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

THERE ARE SEVERAL BOXES ON THE WAY SO YOU SHOULD BE GETTING THEM SOON. HOPE YOU LIKE THE KIT I SENT YOU. IF YOU DON'T YOU MUST BE NUTS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS REALLY NICE.

WELL, THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU EVER CAN AND TELL PANCHER AND NAT HELLO.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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San Francisco, California

FROM Lettie Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

October 6, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

GOSH, IS IT HOT TODAY JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME. JUST WENT HOME BECAUSE I HAD A LETTER FROM THE RABBI. THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO MONTGOMERY THIS WEEKEND BUT FREIDA AND SID ARE GOING TO BHAM SO I WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STAY UNLESS I STAY AT A HOTEL AND I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT SO I THINK I'LL GO DOWN MONDAY MORNING. GOSH, IS HE CUTE?

MY LITTLE RADIO WORKS FINE EXCEPT SOMETIMES THAT THING DOESN'T TURN THAT TURNS THE DIAL, BUT THE MAN SAID THAT WAS THE BEST HE COULD FIX IT.

MR. EDDLEMAN JUST WALKED IN FROM MONTGOMERY, REMEMBER THEY USED TO LIVE HERE? HIS OLDEST BOY IS OVERSEAS, REMEMBER HIM?

THEY ARE FIXING THE STREETS DOWNTOWN HERE AND IT SURELY IS GOING TO BE NICE, THEY ARE COVERING ALL THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND RETARRING THEM. THEY WILL BE NICE WHEN THEY FINISH.

THERE'S NO NEWS HERE. BUSINESS HAS BEEN DULL THIS WEEK. I GUESS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SO HOT.

HAVEN'T HEARD FROM NAOMI IN A FEW WEEKS. I WONDER WHAT IS WRONG. USUALLY SHE IS VERY PROMPT IN ANSWERING.

HAROLD, I JUST CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED BUT THREE LETTERS FROM YOU THIS WEEK, AND AS YOU SAID, I GUESS IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE GET ANYMORE.

WELL, THIS IS ALL SO BE GOOD AND WRITE OFTEN.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Sgt. Hmeold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
L. Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Oct. 16, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

SATURDAY WE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU, THE FIRST IN OVER A WEEK AND WE SURELY WERE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE HAVE BEEN READING ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE IN THE PAPERS. I WAS IN MONTGOMERY ALL LAST WEEK AND HAD A REAL NICE TIME. I SAW THE RABBI. HE'S A NICE GUY BUT NOT FOR ME.

HAROLD, I WAS READING THE ALUMNI NEWS AND I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I READ THAT HERBERT LEWIS, TWILA'S HUSBAND GOT KILLED DURING THE SUMMER. DID YOU KNOW THAT? I DIDN'T.

I BOUGHT YOU AN "OMNIBOOK" IN MONTGOMERY, THE OCT. ISSUE. I HAVE LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR THAT DARN MAGAZINE. WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO SUB SCRIBE TO IT FOR YOU?

BUSINESS IS REALLY GOOD NOW. GOSH, DID WE HAVE A DAY SAT.! DADDY HAS REALLY GOT THE MERCHANDISE IN THIS STORE.

GOSH, EVERYDAY I THINK THE INVASION OF THE PHILLIPPINES WILL BE ON. THEY ARE REALLY GIVING THE JAPS A FIT ON FORMOSA AND LUZON. GOSH, I HOPE IT WON'T BE LONG NOW.

HAROLD, WHO IS MARTELLE IN OHIO? WHERE DID YOU MEET HER? IS SHE CUTE?

THERE IS NO MORE NEWS HERE. EMANUEL GREENBERG IS ENGAGED TO SOME GIRL FROM MIAMI, I THINK.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND I'LL WRITE MORE OFTEN HEREAFTER.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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San Francisco, California

L. Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Oct. 18, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

I DIDN'T WRITE YOU YESTERDAY BECAUSE I HAD TO GO TO THE DENTIST AND I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK ALL DAY. I ONLY STAYED UP THERE AN HOUR, BUT, GOSH, HE DRILLED ON MY TWO BACK TEETH UNTIL I WANTED TO SOCK HIM ONE, BUT I JUST SAT THERE AND TOOK IT. I'VE GOT TO GO BACK TODAY AND HE'LL PROBABLY PUT THE FILLINGS IN.

HAROLD, WE SURELY WERE GLAD TO GET THOSE TWO VMAILS FROM YOU. WE DIDN'T HEAR FROM YOU IN OVER A WEEK. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE INVADE THE PHILLIPPINES. I HEARD OVER THE RADIO LAST NIGHT THAT IT WAS IMMINENT AND WE ARE JUST WAITING TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO STRIKE FROM. I LOOKED UP ON THE MAP WHERE YOU ARE AND MEASURED IT AND IT MEASURED ABOUT 200 MILES FROM DAVAO. WHY DON'T YOU PAY BERT A VISIT ONE OF THESE DAYS? THAT WOULD REALLY BE FUNNY IF YOU SHOULD LIBERATE HIM, WOULDN'T IT?

RECEIVED A LONG LETTER FROM EVELYN ROBINSON THE OTHER DAY AND SHE SAID AARON IS HOME AND HAS LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT AND SHE SAID HE REALLY HAD SOME STORIES TO RELATE. SHE ALSO SAID EMMA HAD A BABY BOY. I SHOULD WORRY. IF BERT KNEW IT HE WOULD FEEL PRETTY BAD. IF YOU SHOULD HAPPEN TO SEE BERT FIRST I WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT EMMA, JUST LET HIM WAIT UNTIL HE GETS HOME.

WENT TO SEE "MR. SKEFFINGTON" WITH BETTE DAVIS THE OTHER NIGHT AND IT WAS WONDERFUL. I WENT WITH GENA ROSENFELD. SHE IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE SWEETEST PERSONS I EVER KNEW. THEY SENT YOU A FRUIT CAKE THE OTHER DAY. HOPE YOU GET IT SOON. I SENT YOU AN "OMNIBOOK" AND WE HAVE REALLY BEEN SENDING YOU THE BOXES.

DADDY JUST WENT TO THE BANK TO DEPOSIT HIS "MILLIONS". BUSINESS IS REALLY GOOD NOW. I JUST WISH WE COULD FIND A PRETTY HOME AND MOVE IN IT. IT MUST BE A PLEASURE TO HAVE A FURNACE HEAT HOUSE WITH HOT RUNNING WATER. MOTHER WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL YOU AND BERT COME HOME. SHE SAID LAST NIGHT WHEN YOU'LL COME HOME SHE IS GOING TO SPLURGE AND BUY AN EVENING DRESS AND ENTERTAIN. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? HAROLD, HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ACTION YET? I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU IN ACTION. HOW BIG IS THE MOROTAI ISLAND? IT IS RIGHT OFF NEW GUINEA ACCORDING TO THE MAPS I'VE LOOKED AT.

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN AND BE CAREFUL AND IF YOU SEE BERT SOON TELL HIM HELLO FOR ME, WILL YOU? I NEVER DREAMED YOU WOULD BE WHERE YOU ARE NOW. YOU HAVE REALLY DONE SOME TRAVELLING, HAVEN'T YOU? HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY MORE PICTURES? WELL, THIS IS ALL, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE.

LOVE, LOTTIE

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San Francisco, California

FROM
L. Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Oct. 19, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

THIS MORNING I HEARD WONDERFUL NEWS OVER THE RADIO. THE AMERICANS HAVE MADE LANDINGS IN THE PHILLIPPINES AND YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT BERT. MRS. FORNEY, WIFE OF DR. FORNEY CAME IN AND SAID SHE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HER HUSBAND WHO IS IN THE PACIFIC AND HE SAID A FEW WEEKS AGO THE AMERICANS SANK A JAP SHIP THAT HAD A LOT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS ON IT AND THEY SAVED ALL THE MEN. THERE WAS ONE MAN ON IT THAT CAME FROM THE SAME CAMP BERT WAS IN AND TOLD DR. FORNEY HE KNEW BERT WELL AND HAD JUST SEEN HIM RECENTLY AND HE WAS FINE AND HE SAID THE TREATMENT WAS MUCH BETTER. THAT IS THE MOST RECENT NEWS WE HAVE HAD AND WE WERE SO HAPPY TO HEAR IT.

MOTHER RECEIVED A LETTER AT HOME FROM YOU YESTERDAY AND I SEE WHERE YOU ARE LIVING 6 FT. UNDER THE GROUND THESE DAYS. BROTHER, JUST STAY THERE AND AS YOU SAY YOU ARE SAFE THAT FAR UNDER THE GROUND. HAROLD, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL END UP IN THE PHILLIPPINES?

I WENT TO SEE "DRAGONSEED" LAST NITE AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD. I REALLY HAD A GOOD CRY. IT SHOWED HOW THE JAPS OVERTOOK A CHINESE VILLAGE AND HOW MEAN THEY WERE. GOSH, I WANTED TO KILL A FEW JAPS AFTER SEEING THAT PICTURE. KATHRYN HEPBURN AND WALTER HUSTON PLAYED IN IT AND THEY WERE WONDERFUL. I GUESS YOU HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO SEE A MOVIE HAVE YOU?

I GOT DOWN TO THE STORE AT 9:30 THIS MORNING. NOT VERY BUSY BUT I GUESS WE WILL BE LATER ON IN THE DAY. DADDY SAID HE IS DOING TOO MUCH BUSINESS. ANECTUCATUG! IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY?

HAROLD, I AM SO FED UP WITH TUSCALOOSA I COULD SCREAM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO. DADDY DOES NEED ME IN THE STORE NOW BECAUSE ROSA QUIT AND THE SHUCKHA, TOO. HE HAS AN OLD MAN HERE BUT HE IS TOO OLD AND CAN'T EVEN GET HIS CHANGE RIGHT, BUT ALL IN ALL HE IS A HELP. MOTHER DOESN'T COME HERE MUCH NOW THAT I AM HERE. IN THE FIRST PLACE SHE IS CLEANING HOUSE. GOSH, I'D GIVE ANYTHING IF WE COULD FIND A BEAUTIFUL HOME AND MOVE IN AND BE THERE WHEN YOU AND BERT COME HOME. GOSH, IF THE AMERICANS HAVE INVADED THE PHILLIPPINES AND THE PRISONERS ARE STILL THERE AND NOT IN JAPAN MAYBE IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE BERT WILL BE LIBERATED. I HAVE A FEELING THEY HAVE MOVED BERT FROM MINDANAO TO MANILA BUT MAYBE I'M WRONG. HAROLD, BEFORE I FORGET, DO YOU KNOW A HOGGLE BOY IN YOUR COMPANY FROM TUSCALOOSA? HIS FATHER HAS A BARBER SHOP ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE STORE. ANYWAY, GENA TOLD ME HE HASN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN SEVERAL WEEKS. IF YOU KNOW HIM WRITE ME AND TELL ME, HEAR?

HOW ARE FANCHER AND NAT? TELL THEM HELLO FOR ME. I WROTE NAT A LETTER. WELL, THIS IS ALL WRITE. LOVE, LOTTIE

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APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

FROM
L. Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Oct. 20, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

YESTERDAY ALL DAY WE WERE SO EXCITED. THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE AMERICANS HAD LANDED IN THE PHILLIPPINES, AND LAST NIGHT IT WAS CONFIRMED. GOSH, THAT IS GOOD NEWS. HOPE IT WON'T BE LONG NOW BEFORE THEY RECAPTURE ALL THE ISLANDS AGAIN.

HEARD THAT GEN. PESONS IS IN BIRMINGHAM. WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH HIM, YOU WROTE THAT THEY SENT HIM BACK TO THE STATES. WE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU DATED OCT. 5 . WE DON'T REMEMBER MAJOR ROBY. WE'LL TRY TO GET THE FLINT FOR YOU AND SYRUP, TOO. WE SENT YOU A CAN OF COOKIES YESTERDAY AND THEY WERE REALLY PACKED GOOD AND I DOUBT VERY SERIOUSLY IF THEY WILL BE CRUMBLED.

HAROLD, if you THINK MY LETTERS ARE BORING I'LL JUST STOP WRITING ALTOGETHER. IN THE FIRST PLACE YOU NEVER WRITE ME ANYMORE, YOU JUST ADDRESS ALL YOUR LETTERS TO US THREE BUT DADDY AND I WRITE YOU XXXX SEPARATELY, SO LET ME KNOW IF YOU'D RATHER I STOP WRITING YOU ALTOGETHER.

HEARD A GOOD JOKE OVER THE RADIO LAST NIGHT. THIS FELLOW WAS TALKING TO A GIRL AND WAS INQUIRING ABOUT HER MOTHER. HE XXXX WANTED TO KNOW IF SHE HAD SEEN HER MOTHER WITHIN XX THE LAST FEW HOURS, SO HE SAID "HAVE YOU MET YOUR MOTHER?" SHE REPLIED, "OH, YES, I'VE KNOWN HER FOR QUITE SOME TIME." CORNY, ISN'T IT?

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR TODAY SO SAY HELLO TO PANCHER AND NAT AND INFORM NAT THAT HE NOW OWES ME A LETTER.

LOVE,

LOTTIE

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Nov. 2, 1944
(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST HAROLD,

THE ONLY REASON I'M WRITING TO YOU TODAY IS BECAUSE DADDY JUST WENT TO THE DENTIST AND I KNOW HE'LL BE TOO NERVOUS TO WRITE YOU. I WENT IN AND MADE AN APPOINTMENT THE OTHER DAY AND MADE HIM GO BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WEAR HIS TEETH AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A SHAME, HIS APPOINTMENT WAS THIS MORNING AT 8:30 AND HE WENT AND I'M AT THE STORE. I WASN'T GOING TO WRITE YOU BECAUSE IT SEEMS YOU DON'T APPRECIATE MY LETTERS AND I'M NOT GOING TO WRITE ANYMORE EITHER UNTIL YOU SAY YOU WANT ME TO, SO THERE.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31 A VERY INTERESTING THING HAPPENED, THE PHONE RANG NEXT DOOR AND CHARLIE CALLED DADDY TO THE PHONE, HE WAS BUSY SO I WENT IN AND ANSWERED IT. I SAID "HELLO", AND THE PARTY SAID CAN I SPEAK TO MR. BANK, AND I TOLD HIM HE WAS BUSY COULD I TAKE THE MESSAGE. HE SAID, "THIS IS MAJOR SAMUEL GRASHIO." WELL, I DIDN'T LOSE ANY TIME AND CALLED DADDY. HE IMMEDIATELY RAN TO THE PHONE, AND HE WAS OUT AT THE AIRPORT PASSING THROUGH AND DADDY WENT OUT AND GOT HIM AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE STORE, YOU KNOW WHO HE IS, DON'T YOU? HE IS ONE OF THE MEN WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PHILLIPPINES WITH COL. DYESS LAST YEAR AND DADDY SPOKE TO HIM IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. REMEMBER? WELL, HE STAYED HERE ABOUT AN HOUR, AND I WENT HOME AND GOT MOTHER AND EVERYBODY CAME IN THE STORE TO SEE HIM, THE NEWS GOT AROUND SO FAST. EVEN THE GUY FROM THE RADIO STATION. WELL, HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT BERT. HE SAID HE DIDN'T GET ANY BAD TREATMENT IN THAT MARCH OF DEATH WHEN BATAAN FELL, AND HE SAID BERT WAS THE HEALTHIEST ONE IN THE CAMP AND WAS CAPTAIN OF THE BALL TEAM, AND HE SAID IT WON'T BE MANY MONTHS BEFORE BERT WILL BE HOME., HE EVEN MADE A WAGER WITH MOTHER ABOUT THAT. HE IS ONE OF THE NICEST PERSONS YOU EVER MET, AND SO FRIENDLY. WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS. HE KNOWS A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THOSE BOYS OVER THERE than HE COULD TELL US. HE SAID THERE IS SO MUCH UNDERGROUND THAT THEY KNOW A LOT IN WASHINGTON. I'VE GOT A FEELING IT WON'T BE LONG NOW. HAROLD, I JUST CAN'T FEATURE YOU LIVING IN A FOX HOLE AND SHOOTING DOWN JAP PLANES. I KNOW THERE IS A LOT YOU CAN'T TELL, BUT JUST BE CAREFUL AND DON'T GET IN THE WAY OF THOSE .....JAPS. JUST HAD SOME BAD NEWS. MRS. HAMMOND, FROM THE RESTAURANT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, FRED OAKES, THAT BIG FAT MAN, REMEMBER, HAD A HEART ATTACK AND DIED THIS MORNING. HE WAS JUST IN HERE THE OTHER DAY. I FEEL TERRIBLE, BECAUSE HE WAS SUCH A NICE MAN. HOW ABOUT WRITING A LETTER IN MALAYNESE, OR CAN'T YOU SPEAK IT WELL ENOUGH YET? HAROLD, I'M GOING OUT TODAY AND GET ALL THE THINGS YOU ASKED FOR IN YOUR LAST SEVEN LETTERS. HOW ABOUT GETTING FANCHER OR NAT TO MAKE ME ONE OF THOSE NECKLACES OR BRACELETS IF YOU CAN'T? HAROLD, IN YOUR LETTER OF OCT. 23 I'M NOT SURE IF I UNDERSTAND ABOUT ROBERT OR NOT, SOUNDS FUNNY TO ME. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE BETTER EXPLANATION OF HIM? DID YOU GET ANY XMAS BOXES FROM US OR ANYBODY ELSE YET? BOY, MACARTHUR IS GOING TO TOWN IN THE PHILLIPPINES, HE JUST CUT THE JAPS OFF RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ISLANDS. I WONDER IF BERT IS STILL ON MINDANAO, WHICH ISN'T TOO FAR FROM YOU WHICH YOU KNOW WELL, THIS IS ALL AND WRITE

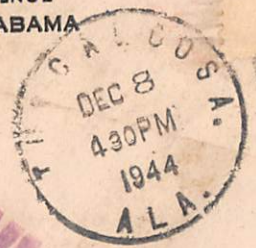
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LINES

12/6/44

Dearest Harold,

We just received your letter asking for the money order so here it is - there are three for $1.00 ea. each - Daddy said you should get a plane & come home being you have 45 days -

Daddy said there's something about this that doesn't look so kosher to him - Are you sure you didn't get in another poker game, he says ???? He said if you get that long a furlough why don't you get a plane and come home? It only takes 48 hours and it takes $30 more for the plane Daddy

said wire him because Mother has plenty of that junk - See if you can't make arrangements to come home or San Francisco and we'll meet you there -

This is all - Daddy dictated this letter and Mother said she has nothing to say -

Lottie

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No. 2047687

To Sgt Harold L. Bank
6 m. 167th Inf APO. 81
% P.M.
San Francisco Calif

From Diana Hoffman
(Soldier's Address)
1346 - 44 Ave
San Francisco
(Soldier's Address)
June 15th
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dear Harold I am almost 7 yrs old my name is Diana May I wish I could. I met Leonard and I love him. He is cute. I want him to come home because I have fun with him I am in 2 a grade and my teacher thinks I do very well in school

love Diana

(She's always bothering me writing letters - What a monkey)

May Hoffman

V ··· - MAIL

Harold

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A.P.O. 31. C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa
Alabama

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

my Dear Boy, I only Got 14 Letters and Papers from you mother week Filld with That Jewish Letter The Boy That wrote That is a Lantzman of mine he Comes from yekrainia, Write, I Got in The month Feb Just now, but I Can use them in The State, I told you To asse for Something in The Food Line in Every Letter I am not For giving any Letters its no Trouble Riting 3 Little Words, in Every Letter and me Some Food, mother Just Left For miami with Latte I am Left alle a Lone no wife no Secretary no. Rose I Told you I Got a Card from Sam, with Some Little Pits of Roses, with Letter Leg in margin and Salute For Sagee, no ask Blanie Katz I Sent you a Box yesterday, no needs it Name my Friend Sol Stalins is Going Pretty Soon he Will be in Salsa mothers Home Town Pretty Soon and you will be in P.I. Soon So Good Luck Boy, Bring him Back Photo alle. yes alle told her She Wouldnt Let him Go in The Front of The House To Play with The Boys, So he went out The Back Door and Played with The niger Boys Ball and She Looked For him in The Front Street and he had a Good Time in The alley with The nigers he told mother That he Just as well be in Jail as living With her, and I Told him That he was right, I Got To Come Home and Decided it Love Dad

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FROM
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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7/3/44 My Dear Ray I got your Box Saturday a Egg in a magazin a bullet shell and some Junk, I Respect Wanbout Pay The Postage on it. but Mighty glad to have it. Well Wee Went To See Capt Butler yesterday! he is in Fine Pay and he is Feelin Fine, he Sent Love, Christ he Said he is not. he Lost a Lot of Weight only Weighs 205 now! I Found him Sendin a Bunch of Shaving Lashin + Soap. Having him over To The House For Dinner To write Stark + all The Fellows. Sam Think he will Like it. mother and Sister Went To See me him with me. I just Had a argument With That Greek on The Corner Coffee Shop #2. He Charges a Soldier 30¢ for Hot Cakes Eggs To the 20¢ and The Navy could not Eat it. and I Told The Navy not To Pay it The Price is 20¢ and he Didn't! The Greek Got mad at me and I Cursed him out! So I Feel Better now! Well Everything in Town is Closed To Day. Every Thing is Closed For Labor Day! but I am Going To Have a Round The Stores Nearest Any Thing Else To Go. I just Sold a Watch and Diamond for $100 1 Pr Rubber Shoes 14$ and 35¢ a Pr Shorts. So Sam Le it is Better Than Staying at The House and Shooting The Bull With your mother Wife Sam Love Dad!

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

(Sender's complete address above)

7/5/44 Hello my Boy How are you and you Celebrate The 4th. We had a nice Rest went To a Show in the afternoon and Stuck Home The Rest of The Time Listen To The Radio mother is Ill Sick This morning She Going To The Baby Parlor This morning Tomorrow at 8 a.m. She is Leving for Miami. Boy it is Going To be Lonesome I hear it is Sam. A. Beatty 1st Lt A.C. 69th Bomb Lgdg. (M) apo 706 - I c/o Pm. San Francisco Calf. no. news To Say. I am Looking For Capt. Ritter To come To See me. To Say. I Hope he come. I Like him. Well my next Secretary Sifnt Show up This morning Oh. I am Wifant Help. again. it is ofley Bad about Help now They Change Jobs Every week any Time Some body offers Them a Job They Take it Wars Case up and Change again I wish Congress would Pass a Law against it They Pass all Kind of Laws why Cant They Pass That Kind of Law See Where They are trying To Pass a Law That no man Should wear a Coat during The Summer Months. I am All alone in The House now mother Wont be Home until 11 a.m. I Hope I Wont be Lonesy! as I Made no Pashons To Dool with Boys tonight. Thats a nice way To Talk about it, Eh, but you Know I am only Kid Like Dog

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Tech. Sgt. Sam H. [illegible]blatt
ASN 34109988
400th Bomb. Sq., APO 503-1
% P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

11 February, 1944.

Dear Harold,

Received your letter dated 14 Dec. only a few days ago, which was very much delayed. No doubt my change in address has quite a bit to do with the long delay in receiving your letter. I certainly hope that your next letter won't take as long to reach me.

There isn't much I can tell you, other than that we are certainly blasting the H—l out of the Nips and that we are in hopes Tojo can't take too much more of our poison that we are dishing out to him. Your prediction as to the war being over in 1½ months, in my opinion, is strictly "snafu". However, I hope by some miracle that your prediction will come true.

Harold, Alabama was never like this New Guinea jungle! However, from all indications, I will be back in the U.S.A. before the end of this year. There are no women and whiskey out here, which makes life down here damn monotnous. To date, I haven't had a chance to see civilization in six months and only the Lord knows when I will get my next opportunity.

The fellow, whom I wrote you about, that knows Rosalie is from Roanoke, Va. and his name is Sydney J. Rosenbaum. Although he wears bars, he is still a fair Joe when you know him well. Rosalie no doubt knows him quite well as he told me that Rosalie's folks and his folks are very good friends.

Yes, I heard from Mort a couple of weeks ago. It certainly makes a fellow feel good out here to hear from old buddies like you and Mort. Yep, I am all for having that big reunion party you wrote me about, when this "mess" is over.

Harold, let me in on all the dope back on the home front and don't fail to let me hear from you again real soon.

Always your pal,

Sam

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Co M. 167th Inf APO. 31 U.S.
C/o Post Master
San Francisco

My Dear Ray

All I can say is God Bless you and Kill all the Japs you can!

Remember, I Love you. and Ready To do any Thing for you!

Take Care of your Self!

Minnie's address
Mrs Minnie Hoffman
1346 - 4th ave
San Francisco Cal.

Good By. and Good Luck.

Dad

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In receiving items for deposit or collection this Bank acts as depositor's collection agent only, and assumes no responsibility beyond the exercise of due care. Credit is given conditionally, this Bank reserving the right to charge back to depositor all items or returns therefor which are unpaid, in cash or its equivalent, although the item itself be not returned. Items on this Bank not found good at close of business on day of deposit will be charged to depositor. This Bank will use due diligence in selecting responsible collecting agents, but will not be responsible for their acts or omissions, negligent or otherwise, or for loss of items in mail, and each of such agents shall be liable for its own negligence only. The right is reserved to forward items for collection or payment either through circuitous route of banks or direct to drawee bank, and to accept for the depositor, its draft or credit as conditional payment in lieu of cash. Service charges will be made in accordance with rules and regulations, effective as of date of this deposit, prescribed by the Tuskaloosa County Clearing House Association.

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TUSKALOOSA, ALA.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

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CHECKS				
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Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa
Ala

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M, 167th Inf. APO 31.D.
c/o Post Master
San Francisco
Cal.

Well my Boy well now
Looking for you to Call
Mother yesterday She is
Taken it Pretty Hard
not being able to Talk
To you. So be Shure
and Call us Soon as
you Get To Frisco!
If I now your Going to
Stay in Frisco about 10.
Days I would Come To
See you! well it would
be Phony if you Go.
be The First To Get in
Carquoder. and Say Come
on Bert. hur's Come
and you will Likeing
your Job. should be The
Best There. after 3 years
of Traing! Well Boy
God be With you. and
Help You Bring victory
to Take Care. Love Dad

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
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411 GREENSBORO AVENUE
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

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MAR 28 8:30AM 1944

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ARMY COTS, TENTS AND BLANKETS

411 GREENSBORA AVENUE

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

2/25/44

My Dear Ray

I Have Riten my Sister Minnie To Get in Touch with you. I want you To Call mother Soon as you Can or. She is Going To Loos her Mind, I want To Know How Long your Going To Stay and I will Come over To See you, now Please Do as I Tell you. I am Glad your Going To the Pacific instead of africa & now Dont worry about us, we Can Take it, and I am Sure you Can Just Do your Job and Come Back To us. as. you Know we want you Back and all the Boys, Every Things O.K. here, I Could The Tuscaloosa Mails and Take them your new adress. Do you Want me To Send your Some magazins. Let me Know What you Want and write Soon are you in the Office. Let me Know, Tell Minnie and her Family Hello.

all my Love
God Bless you and watch you
Dad

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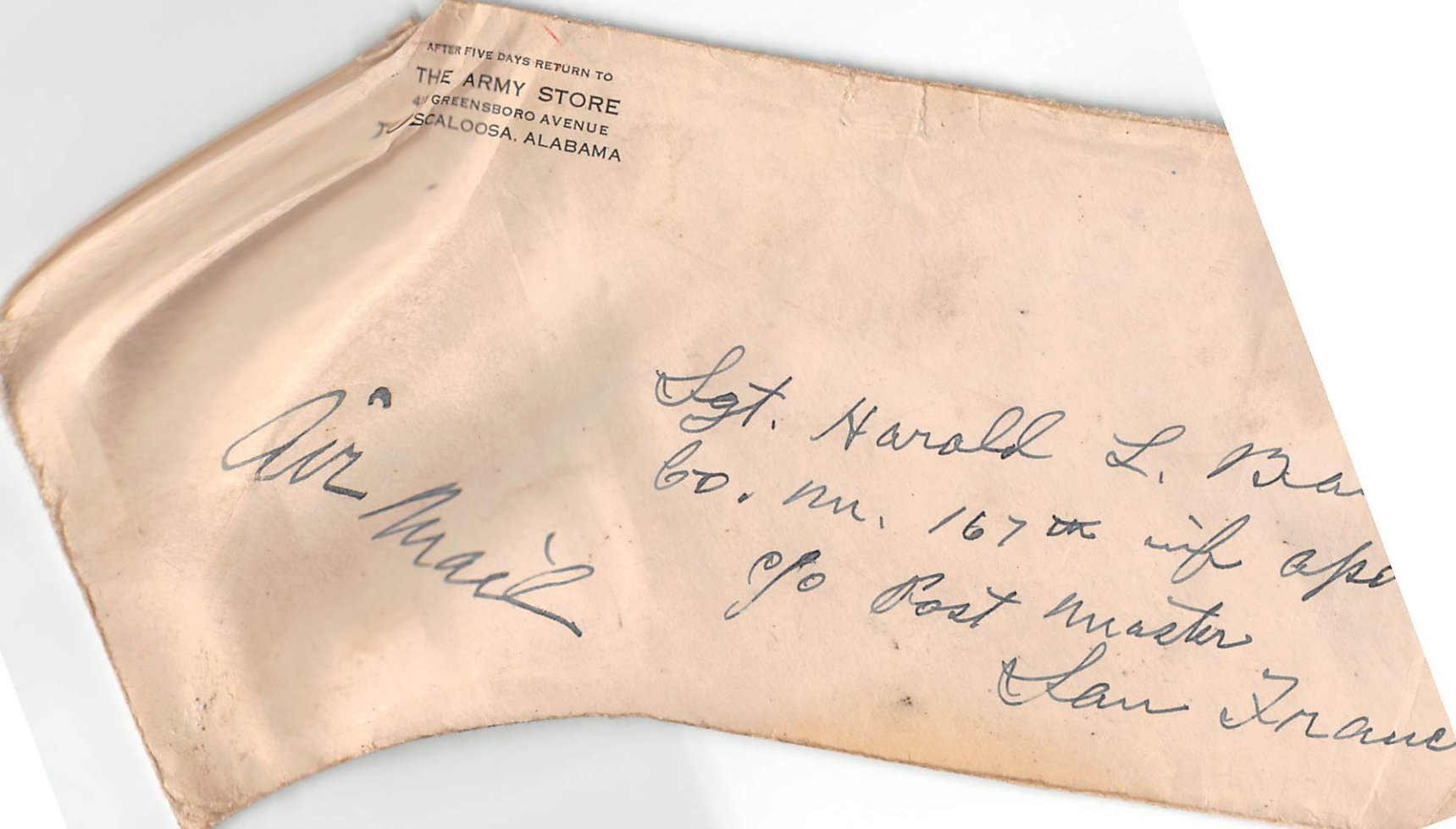
9/28/44

My Dear Ray

were all here waiting for you to call
mother she just got to talk to
you! I wish mimm to get you to
call us I hope you made the trip ok.
you had a beautiful country
Every Thing is as usual here. Business
is ok. I am getting my upper teeth to day
Lottie came home Saturday and left this
morning let me know if you got the box
at the camp before you left,
I don't know what to say to you
I am shure you must have a treat!
I Pray That you will Have a chance
to avenge Berts murder treatments!
I wish I could be with you!

Love from
all. Pop.

Write after
and Give my Regards to all the
Boys.


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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/1/44

My dear Boy

We Got your Letter yesterday but I was Looking for you To Call mather I Got a Letter from Blackston yesterday That The Box was There and what They should Do with it and wrote Them To Give it To Some Soldier Well Every Thing is O.K. here. I went To See Bizzity Last nite and Raymond, and They Paid me $110.00 So you See it Pays To Go and See Folks Some Times To Day is not Raining For a Change but it is very Cold and I have no Coat! is Arthur Lee with You! be Shure and See minnie if you Loose her adress Look up Dr. Ales Hoffman (Shiropodist) write often and Take Care of yourself When you Dont Feel Good Go To the Dr. Dont Put it off Less you Die in The Camps because I want you To Come Home in Good Fisical Shape. So you can Take Care of The Best army Store in The South

all my Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/1/44

My Dear Ray

Wee are still waiting for your Call and Ready To Go To San Francisco mother is about The same Every Thing at Home is as usual Business is better in the Last Few Days a Lot of Soldiers From The Hospital are Coming in it Looks Like MacArthure is Going To The P. I. according To The Paper This morning he is Paving The way For you. Believe it or not I Feel Like your Going To Get Bert out of The Phillipines and Bring him Home! What a Beutiful Dream! I So Pray that it will be So! I Have nothing new; it is not Raining To Day Just Freezin Take Care of your Self and The Boys. and Bring Home Some Bacon. God be with you on my Prayers allways.

Dad

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MAR 2
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Air Mail c/o Post Master
San Francisco
Cal

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/2/44

My Dear Ray

well To Day a week Since I Talked To you and no word From you yet I Hope your ok. but it is a Strain on me. So Please Drope a Line Soon as you can mother and my Self are very busy in The Store and That Helps. To Get The mind off!
Every Thing here is The Same
no Rain To Day but Cold!
I have Writen To minnie and haven't herd yet. Let me Know if you Got The $500 I Sent you To S. I. I should a Sent a money order and not Cash but you wanted it That way! So Please Do Tell me if you Got it

all our Love
Dad

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Sgt. N. L. Bank
Co. M. 167th inf apo. 31, B,
c/o Post Master
San Francisco
Cal

My Dear Boy I Had
a Letter Yesterday From
my Sister Minnie and
They are Waiting For
you To Shoot you
Prisco Well it is Nice Now
no Rain + nothing We are
Waiting To hear From
you! I Hope That you
Trip is O.K. Mother is
Feelin Better Now We
Keep Very Busy in The
Store A Lot of Soldiers
coming in no needs of
importance It Looks
Like Mr Carthur is
Going To Keep his Pro
mis and Come To The
Phillipines. I Wish him
all The Luck. I Hope
you Have Seen my
Soldiers by Now Take
Care of your Self and
Write often Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/5/44

My Dear Ray

We were Glad To hear from you yesterday I am very much surprised that you didnt Get in Contact with Minnie or she insisted you Go To a Picture Show. I Send That $5.00 as you Told me, if you Dont Get it Get in Touch with Minnie and Get Some money From Her. I wrote her To let you have what ever you want, be Shure and Call us. and if you Think your Going To stay There a while Write me and will Come Down To See you Every one here is as usual Business This week is very Good

Tell Minnie and her Family Hello Take Care of your Self. and write often.

Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/6/44

My Dear Boy

We waited all Day Sunday for your Tel. Call! but no Call I Cant understand Why you didnt Get The money I Send it The Day you Called air mail Special Del. be Shure and Let me Know if you Get it I Have The Tuscaloosa news your new adress. Had a Letter From Mimmie They Have written you. So you Should Know Now To Get in Touch with Them Mother is about The Same. working in The Store and Keeping busy Sattie didnt Come Saturday! no Rain To Day!

I Made very busy Saturday I didnt Have a Chance To Get my Teeth yet but I will Soon be Shure and Dont Eat much The First 2 Days on The Boat So you Want Have much To Fire up! ---- We never Got your Rose Bowls yet. When is it Supose To Start. So you want me to Get you Some magazins Sent Regular! I Dont know what Ells To Say. So be Good and Take Care of your Self Tell all The Boys Hello. God Bless you and Take Care of you Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/7/44

My Dear May

it is Tuesday now and we dident hear
er word from you in 4 Days Had
a Letter from minnie She Dident
Get in Touch with you So I know
you couldnt Get out and Roble
Left By now So Good Luck and
God Bless, all of you! The Box we Sent
you Got There To Late and I Got a Card
from The Express They Wanted to Know
if I wanted it Back and Wrote Them
To Give it To Some Soldier as it would
not Keep. Sending it Back So I Hope it
made Some Soldier Happy!
it is very Cold To Day yesterday
We Had a Rain! I Think it Was
The Worst I Have Ever Seen
The Car Got Wet and I Had To be
Pushed all The Way Home!
Went To See Raymon Last Nite
and Got 25.00 For my Services! —
Mother Slept until 8.00 am. This morning
The First Time I Ever Known her To Sleep
So Late. ah I Had The First Puncture on
The Car. Sunday. First in 2 Years. not Bad
Eh! —
all my Love. Dad.

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/4/44

My Dear Ray

Wee are very much disapointed you not Calling but I am shure you couldnt Help it Every Thing is O.K. Bear very Busy at The Store and no Help. I am Tired out I wish I could Go away for 30 Days and Rest but I Know it is impoible So I Just Have To Keep it up. Mother is Feelin Purty Good. It is very Cold To Day it Looks Like Snow no news I Know of Had 2 Letters From Minnie they Want To Know why you Didnt See Them and I Dont Know what To Tell Them So I will wait until I hear From you Well Every body Bear wishes you Luck and They Want you To Send Name 2 Friend Japs. For a Souvenir!

So be Good and Luck To you

God bless you and Take Care of you. Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/9/44

My Dear Ray,

Well Have a Frost This morning it is So Cold I Have To Keep The Doors Closed I went To a Purim Party Last Nite at The Hillel Foundation we Had Hot Tea and Haman Tashen and Some Guy Ware Supposed To Sing but I Think They made a Mistake and Got The Wrong Guy, This must of been as Banana Rebber When Bananas Ware 10¢ a Bag Boy ware he Terrible I Couldnt Drink my Tea!

Well Every Thing is as usual busy in The Store miss your Line of Bull you used To write! Lukas, Davis is Home For a week End. more Indians Came in To See me yesterday and he Looses Wonderful Mother Got a new Machine She Takes Every nite and it Shure makes her Sleep, but She Dont Like it, When She Gets up in The morning She Cant Complain That She Had a Restless nite. So This is The Life in old Tusca. must Well I See a Customer Coming So Good Luck. Write as Soon as you Can. Love Dad

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C/o Post master

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/10/44

My Dear Ray

Well it is a Rotten Day no Rain no Snow So we Can Play Ball To Day, I Heard your Somewhere at Ches. Thank God. uncle Sam is Taken Care of your I Remember in 1902 when I Crossed The Atlantic in Class 4. and The only Reason I Took Class. 4. is They Didnt Have Class 5. and Now I Had To Paig for a Bucket Water! and I Was Runin away From The Dirty Japs! and Now my Boy Travels 3 ~~Thousand~~ Miles To meet Them Some Times I Feel That if I Helped Russia Whip The Japs Then my Boys Probably Wouldnt Have To Fight Them now! Nah, I Knowed That it would Happen Like This I would of Stayed with Them but This is Life and we Have To take it as it Comes! now one Thing I want you To Remember is This Dont Try to Play Fair with The Japs. When You Get in Contact with Them Wave is Like Wreaton now any Thing Goes Just So you Whip Them Dont Be Will (you understand what I mean

So Go To it my Boy and Get it over with and all be waiting for you To Come Home and Take Charge. as I am Tired and need a Rest.

Mother is Feeling better and wishes you all The Luck She wants you To Fight in The Galloping Way.

Get up about 8. am Have a Good Breakfast you ant will 2 Eggs. Get Back To your Tent. Drink a Big Glass of Milk Take a Good Rest. Go Back Kill 2 more Back To your Tent. Eat Lunch. be there you Have Fresh Spuds and Carrots Whit your Meat Take a Nap for 2 hours! Go Back Kill 2 more and be careful don't Get hurt.

Get Back To your Tent Eat Supper Read The Paper Turn on The Radio Read The Paper Take a Shower Put on your Suit and Take Latie To The S.A.M. Dance be There When you Get Back Lock The Front Door Get a Glass of Water if Burnes 'M.D. Take Wash your Teeth and Go to Bed! and Call it a Day! That is what Mother wants you to Do. I Think it is a Good Days Work! Hear about you. Ch. Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/11/44

My Dear Boy.

This is Saturday and it looks like a beautiful day and I hope it is no news hear. Latter is being home to day. To nearand nite wee are going to a Ruvin Ball at the Hillel House I have a men & wife visiting Theyre Boy. at School from Chicago and I am taken them to the Ball as my Guests my Cousin Lady Thwarts in Chicago Rockeys Gauter the one that Here 2. Days Gave them my name To Look me up They or very nice Folks and wee had a Lot of Fun yesterday and Last nite I took them out for a Ride and the Car Got Hot and stopt and the had to Get out Rush & Pull and Get Some water and wee had a Lot of Fun! all Bett all Have a Hard Time Geting them in the Car again The mother is Feelin Ok, She comes To the Store Every morning and Sells a Lot ofs merchandise To the Soldiers and I think it Done her Good So this is all For To Day, be Good and write Soon Love Dad

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

3/13/44

My Dear Ray

well This is monday morning and it is a Rickety Day we went to the Field house Last nite mother Lattie and my self and we Had a Good time until mr Lijar started Playing ale ale. and mother Started Shedding Tears and all the woamen Followed and it ware the attraction of the afair mother Leading! and then mother Started Smooshin and kept Every body Busy! So it ware a nice Evening! no mens. Business is ok. Let me Know if you Got the Belt in S. I. Buddy Block Got ingaged. why do you allways aske about Ludwig Block Has he been Sick! we Havent heard a Thing.

well. Good Luck

and write Soon.

Love

Dad

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HAROLD. L. BANK
Co. M. 167 Inf. APO.
31. B. P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO
CAL

SAM BANK
(Sender's name)
TUSKALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA

3/15 1944
(Date)

3/5/44 Well dear Mary I hope you
Nancy & Paul. The Tuskaloosa
Lucy Ann & Jimmie & all the
weather is wonderful & warm
wish I could be with you
we can just sit & talk
I have a letter from Sherman
we can just sit & talk
I have a letter from Sherman
write & tell me what
Ruby & Jimmie & Lucy
Ann. I Ruby and Jimmie can
Rita write me. Tell
Kay write me. Well
dinner and write
letter you write me
but the letters
Tell Lucy Ann
to Kay & Jimmie
I received your
Thanks Mary
Love

V-MAIL

No.

SGT. HAROLD L. BANKS
Co. M. 167 Inf. APO 31
C/O P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO
CAL.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SAM. BANKS
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA

(Date)

3/19/44 Dear Ray, It seems like such a long time since I have had a letter from home. I am anticipating a letter from you real soon. I have been very busy since I have been here. I have had to work every day and every night. I have had to work on the docks. I have had to work on the docks. I have had to work on the docks

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APO 31 B c/o PM.
SAN FRANCISCO CAL.

SAM BANK
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA.
(Date)

3/17/44

Dear Mom, Pop & Sis,

Received a letter from Sis dated Feb 15th & one from Pop dated Feb 16th. Glad to hear you are all well & that you received the money order. Sorry I haven't written more often but I've been very busy. Have been on the range for the past week & will be for another week. Have been firing the carbine, rifle, machine gun & pistol. Have been doing a lot of marching & hiking. Have been getting plenty of exercise. Have been getting plenty to eat & sleeping good at night. Have been getting plenty of mail from everyone except Mom. Have received 2 letters from Sis, 2 from Pop & 1 from Aunt Ruth. Have received 2 packages from Sis, 1 from Aunt Ruth & 1 from Aunt Dora. Have received 1 package from Pop. Have received 1 package from Mom. Have received 1 package from Aunt Dora. Have received 1 package from Aunt Ruth. Have received 1 package from Sis

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TER. SAN FRANCISCO
CAL

SAM. BANK
[Sender's name]
TUSCALOOSA
[Sender's address]
ALA

[Date]

3/10/44

My dear Mary, nice to hear
from you. Received the
letter that you wrote
on the 15th of Feb. I
am in the Hospital
with a Diarrhea
Am Dysentery. I
was in the Hospital
for 3 days. I am
feeling fine now.
I will be out
in a few days.
I will be home
in Canada. I
will be home
quarter. Why!
home. The
is always
to go. I
o Ann
with me.
Love

V···-MAIL

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SGT. HAROLD L. BANK
Co. M. 167TH Inf. APO 31 B.
C/O POST. MASTER.
SAN. FRANCISCO. CAL

SAM, BANK
[Sender's name]
TUSCALOOSA
[Sender's address]
ALA

[Date]

2/21/44

Hello dear Mom, Dad, Sis, Brother and Rabbi
Hope all are well. Am fine and dandy
myself. Have been over seas for
almost seven months now. Have not
had any mail in over a month. Hope
you all are well. Will write more
often hereafter. Have no time
now. Will write a long letter
soon. Received a letter from
Uncle Sam the other day. Will
write to him soon. Received a
letter from Rabbi Kaplan the other
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SGT. HAROLD L. BANK
CO. M. 167TH INF APO 31 C/O
POST MASTER
SAN. FRANCISCO
CALIF.

SAM BANK
[Sender's name]
TUSCALOOSA
[Sender's address]
ALA

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

[Date]

3/2/45 Hey Dear Hey, it's a nice day today by a little cold. But a nice day. Say can you, Stein running about it's cause the Alabama Rams Stadium the P.O. and the Alabama Coliseum Field Rams and Stein Rams and Tulane Stadium Rams and Stein Rams and Tulane Rams and Stein Rams and Tulane Rams and Stein Rams and Tulane

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SGT. HAROLD. L. BANK.
Co. M. 167TH INF. A.P.O. 31.B
C/o POST MASTER
SAN. FRANCISCO. CAL.

SAM. BANK.
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA.

[Date]

3/23/44 Hello Sam, I didn't write to you yesterday as I was very busy. Glad to hear you are feeling fine and hope you will keep that way. Sam, we had a swell time Sunday. We had a swell dinner and then we went to the show. It was very good. Sunday morning at 9 o'clock we had church service. Then we had a swell dinner. Sunday afternoon we went to Seville. We ate supper at Ramon Columbia's. We had a swell time. Monday morning we had to get up early and go to school. We had school all day. Tuesday we had school all day. Wednesday we had school all day. Thursday we had school all day. Friday we had school all day. Saturday we had school all day. Sunday we had church service. Then we had dinner and then we went to the show. It was very good

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SAN. FRANCISCO, CAL.

SAM. BANK
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TUSCALOOSA
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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 204/663
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO-31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
3018 - 5th St.
(Sender's address)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

March 27, 1944
(Date)

Dearest Harold,

Came home Sat. and I have to stay in the store with Mother until Daddy comes back - He went to Chicago yesterday - Talked to that Major last nite and he said Bert was fine when he left - He said he weighed about 160 or 165 - I asked him if he thought Bert would live through it and he said with his sense of humor he should - He said "Say, your father really goes in for wrestling, doesn't he?" I could tell you some more things but he said not to worry about him - You know we got a card from Bert Marked 20 - He said he was fine and not to worry - Have you received any of my mail? I've written quite a few letters - It's pouring outside - Where are you, Harold? Write soon you can - Wait a minute Mother wants to say Hello - No, she said she's too nervous - Same old story - We just made a good sale - Ruth is going to N.Y. April 16 - Sell Hat and Forever Hello and write often

Love
Mother & Lathe

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Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

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Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(POSTAGE STAMP)

(Date)

...ly Dear Hay. It is midnight
Just Like Hay. Only it does not seem
the same. Hay it does seem
another Planet. Just a little
Hay Night Like Old Times
Time To Go To Bed.
All Write Hay Is Everything
Hay Is Right With Me
Hay Is Fine. Hay Is Swell
Hay Is Hay Is Hay
Hay Hay Hay Hay Hay
Hay Hay Hay Hay Hay
Hay Hay Hay Hay

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Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)
April 8, 1944
(Date)

DEAREST HAROLD

CAME HOME YESTERDAY FOR PESACH AND AUNT BESS AND UNCLE JOE ARE HERE. WE HAD A VERY NICE SEDAR BUT WE SURELY DID MISS YOU ALL. ROSA THE SHUCKIE PLAYED THE PIANO AND SANG AND SHE CAN REALLY PLAY. DADDY FIXED HER AND THE OTHER SHUCKIE UP WITH SCHNOPPS AND WINE MIXED AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM. MOLLIE STARTED DANCING AND GETTING RELIGIOUS. I HAD THREE GLASSES OF WINE MYSELF. IT SURELY IS GOOD STUFF. DADDY BROUGHT IT FROM CHICAGO. WE CALLED AUNT ANNIE AND AUNT STELLA LAST NIGHT AND IT SURELY WAS GOOD TALKING TO THEM. I CAME DOWN TO THE STORE THIS MORNING TO HELP DADDY AND HERE ISIT TALKING TO DADDY. STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU BOY. OH, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MRS. MCDUFF AND SHE SAID BRO HAD BEEN SENT OVER A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO FROM THE SAME PLACE YOU LEFT FROM. IT WOULD BE FUNNY IF YOU RAN INTO HIM WOULDN'T IT? SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS BUT AS SOON AS I FIND OUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW. HAROLD, WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM BERT SINCE I LAST WROTE YOU ABOUT IT BUT WHEN WE DO I'LL LET YOU KNOW. HOPE HE'LL BE HOME SOON AND YOU TOO. HOW IS NAT DOING? IS HE TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU? I TOLD HIM TO. NOW, LISTEN, LET ME KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE ALL OF MY LETTERS AND LET ME KNOW IF NAT DID TOO. MOTHER AND AUNT BESS AND UNCLE JOE ARE HOME SHOOTING THE BULL. BUT THEY WILL BE DOWN SOON. YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT DADDY HAS ON TODAY. HE HAS ON A GARRISON CAP, A SERGEANT'S PIN, A CAPTAIN'S PIN, AND AN ARMY SHIRT. PEOPLE COME IN AND THINK HE IS A SOLDIER. HA, HA. WELL, NO MORE ROOM SO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SELF AND WRITE OFTEN. TELL ALL THE BOYS HELLO AND LET US KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

LOVE

LOTTIE

V-MAIL

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Co. M. 167th INF. APO 31. B.
POSTMASTER.
SAN. FRANCISCO. CAL.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SAM. BANK
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA.
(Sender's address)
ALA

(Date)

4/30/44 Dear Mary this is a real
Easter day, we had a swell
Easter dinner, we had a nice
Turkey dinner and all the
trimmings, we finished
up with ice cream and
cake and coffee and
candy and nuts, we
had a nice day, we
went to church in the
morning, and in the
afternoon I took a
nap and then we
had supper and
then we went to
church again, the
Chaplain preached
a swell sermon, he
is a swell guy, we
will write you
more next time
Love Sam

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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
[Writer's name]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

[Date]

4/10/44 Hung Dear Mary, it is a
Beautiful day & was sure lonely
was sat a letter from you. I'm
is in St. he's OK, and he said he
Lain at Camp in Georgia down
Bey, while there are lots
Tennessee were there
there Company
Mary, Karl Marx and
all they and Karl
him there is the
Karl to
Let him out of
that is the
Russians
he in Berlin
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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

4/10/45 Dear Ray, it is a
beautiful day & was sunday
was but a little warm. A.P.O. has
is in it, he is OK, and he said he
didn't get mail in 3 days either
but, while others are hearing
from home & we are not. Still
figure Germany will finish any
morning. Had movie out again
last night, All Quiet on the
Western Front. Was
all very good. Saw
him yesterday & he
had to get a
shot for
that is the latest news I have
I'll answer it in a letter soon
morning, and I will
be in Berlin with
in Belgium with
numerous Red
keep it up, as
the war. Can
and numerous
like it were
writing me
all about

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Co. "K", 167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 33-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

San Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)
(Date)

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7/11/44 Hello my Day Tuesday 8:30 a.m. it's hard Rainin Cats + Dogs Ft. Bar Want start + Can't Get no Fare so I am writing to you nothing Else I Can Do. I am very Happy went To Raymans Last nite and they Did Treat me very nice at all. I am Getting to be ashamed of my Friends Joe + Ross as Leslie To Day. Emanuel Stein is Coming in Thursday To Spend a Few Days with us so you must Have mother Feels when She Teacher Kin Folks with her / So as long as She is Happy its O.K. with me We Had a nice Parade only what We want most We Did not Get but Is Hopes that We Will Have it By Xmas. So We Have To wait and Hope / Be where and Let me Know if you Got the 2500. in San Francisco. I am worrid about it I Should of not Sent It Cash. acording To your instruction no need in Fact The Bal + Went over The Top. Be Shor and Let us Know what you Have Got Dear Love Dale, Dear Love

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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
[Sender's name]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

[Date]

4/12/44

Hello my dear. Was glad to receive your letter a few days ago. Am glad to hear you are getting along fine. Am feeling fine myself. Have been pretty busy lately. Have been on the rifle range for the past week. Will be glad when it is over with. Have been receiving your letters regularly. Am glad to hear that you are getting along fine. Am glad to hear that you are getting along fine. Am glad to hear that you are getting along fine

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San Francisco, California

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

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Dear Harold: Thursday, April 13th, 1944.

Sure wish you and Bert and Lottie were here to help me enjoy one of my infrequent visits to Tuscaloosa. But, due to the fact that you are helping to "do a real job", I will have to wait on my next visit to indulge in that pleasure. And Oh Boy! what a real pleasure that will be.

I am glad to report that I found your mother and Dad O. K., but, of course, like all mothers and dads, and especially the kind they are, so devoted and wrapped up in the careers of their children, are impatient for the war to be won and have all of you back home with them again. And, please God, may the time not be far off when this will come to pass.

I saw Lottie yesterday, in fact had dinner with her at Ida's house. She looked fine and seemed to be doing well.

I know there isn't any news that I could tell you that your folks haven't already informed you of as I know they write you real often. So, I won't try. I'll simply content myself with gossiping a little with you in the only way open to me nowadays - via Uncle Sam's mail.

First, you probably know that Sammie Jospin will soon be an officer. He graduates on May 3rd. I happened to read a letter he wrote his mother while I was in Birmingham yesterday. Any maybe he wasn't just living for that date to hurry up and get here.

Have you seen any Japs yet? I know you saw quite a few at Camp Shelby but those were the kind that have been indoctrinated with American ideas and ideals. The sort you'll encounter over there are not the same breed. Which reminds me of an article I read the other day written by the sports editor of the Nashville Banner regarding a Jap. This particular Jap was the star of the champion basketball team of the United States this year - University of Utah. Well, this article pointed out to Tojo that despite the fact that we were at war with Japan, the people of this country are real sportsmen and give credit where credit is due and that the Japanese boy was applauded all during the tournament. Tojo couldn't understand that, he pointed out and he sure is right.

There is another reason why you had better hurry up and win this war, Harold. A movement is under way to reestablish football relations between Auburn and Alabama and there is a strong possibility there'll be a game this fall between them. And I knew you wouldn't want to miss this game, would you. So, do as I recommend - hand Tojo the old kayo and come on home. Auburn has already agreed to renew relations and everybody is hoping that Alabama will soon follow suit.

Well, old pal, guess I'll wind up now. As I stated at first, I don't have any news that you don't already know. I just wanted you to know that I think of you often and am looking forward eagerly to seing you again soon - the sooner the better. Heaps and heaps of love and regards from my family and all your other relatives, friends nd admirers,

Devotedly,
Sammie

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Pvt. Harold L. Bank 20413637
Co. "E", 167th Infantry
APO 33-Bk. c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

San Bank
(Soldier's name)
Sunglasses, Ala.
(Soldier's address)
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No.

4/15/44 My dear Ray I dident write to you yesterday because Emanuel was Dizin to him but he lost a Rifle so Remained behind but to it I could not write so the after noon Every thing is O.K. here. Had a lot of Rain this week but it is Cleaning up to day Mother is Fine Father Emanuel Floyd Clay and Jr Mattes and he Said his trip was not a Luxey because he Did'nt hear Mother Celia and Jimmy and Mother tried her Best to Cheer him but but nothing doing He just Couldn't do it Mumbel Knows Good and Still Full of fun as Ever as not So Good but he Gets a Giggle out of it. No mail of importance Every thing is as usual! Buenos is Real Thin on account of Easter but I Hope it will Pick up a Little? It is very Hard to Get Help So I Have To Work Hard my Self but I Don't mind it as Long as I am able to Do it my Health is much Better Since I Let my Teeth out I Hope I will hear from You Real Soon Take Care where at Your Self and write after this Get

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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Sam Bank
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
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(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

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4/20/44 Well Hay we are having Some more Rain all nite and it Say's Like it's an all Day Rain to. weather is in Bigham and it there is Lovely yesterday Was my Birth Day and it Sure's Like it Was a Liar's Day and Said a word about it & Know you didn't Eat That I Was 18 yesterday and Feel Like 39. I went to the a Picture Last nite Ginger Rogers in Lady in There. it Stars (If you ever see Her) Pete Says Hi Ear the navy yesterday. The Ans That Plait Feet Ball with you yesterday Business. Was Rotten. Not many Sailors in the Hospital now. but a big Patch is Coming in next Week. I Hope they Will Find me I am So Sick of This Business I would like out To Marian if I Could Get a Container and Get me a Job in Some Defense Plant in Birmingham. I Relize I would be much Happier. I Dreamt Last nite That you Came Home and I Cooked Wonderful & asked why you Came Home and you Said you Decided to Get Married. So I Hope it is true. Love Dale

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

5/24/44

My dear Mary, This is Rainy again today, and I am not feeling the best. Have had a cold and sore throat for a week and a half. Hope you are well and have a good time. Wish I could be there with you. Have been on the road most of the time since I left Camp Shelby. Have been in Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, California and Oregon. Have seen a lot of country, but would rather be in Alabama. Have been in the hospital for a week with a cold. Am feeling fine now. Will write a letter soon. Love to all. Sam

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San Francisco, California

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

2/22/45

My dear Mother & Dad
Received your letter
dated Feb. 7th. Glad
to hear you are all
well. Nothing new
here. I received
a letter from Sam
Dunn. He is
stationed at Camp
Polk, La. He
wants me to
come to see him
when I get a
furlough. I
don't know
when I will
get one.
I have not
seen any of
the boys
from home
for a long
time. I
will close
for now.
Love,
Harold

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Co. "E", 167th Infantry
APO 31-D, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
[Sender's name]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]
[Date]

(ENDORSEMENT STAMP)

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9/27/44 Dear Dear Mary it is a beautiful day and every thing leaves. Good for a nice week yesterday Sunday was a day of Rest Stayed in the house until 4 oclock Ate dinner and went to see Wallace Beery he is as ugly as I am but a good actor. I came home at 6 oclock to the Radio had a ball team to play Hartzenck and went to play until 10 P.M. Mother had a good time same to can take Napoleon and Christmas to the Radio about one another letter I am to the P.S. and Hoping that you will get mail today from there When I got home she told me about what she read on the Radio so I read the Prayer. I hope it was be long read. Saturday I had a busy day but was very tired so I slept up at 8 A.M. and went home, that is the story of a perfect Sunday. Ty her Good and Take Care of Dear Life. Every Good Wish. Love Sat

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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

9/27/44 Dear Sam - It's a rainy day and I'm lonely so I'll write you a few lines to keep you company. Received your letter of the 19th and was glad to hear from you. Received a letter from Mother the other day and she said that Jimmie Rice is in the Navy and is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Remember Jimmie Rice? He was in the Battalion with us. Received a letter from Jimmie Rice a while back and he said he was in Hawaii. Mother also said that Jimmie Rice is going to be married soon. Well, I'll be glad when the war is over and we can get back home and live like human beings again. Remember Paris, Texas? Well, I'm still in the Hospital there and I'll be glad when I get out of here. Well, I'll be glad when I get out of here. Well, I'll be glad when I get out of here. Well,

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APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
[Sender's name]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]

[Date]

[illegible] Dear Mary Jean Bank

[illegible]

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APO 31-D, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]

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(Sender's address)

(Date)

5/29/44

My dear Mom and Dad
Well to-day seems to be the next to the last letter you will get from me. Just one little week & you will hear from me in person. Boy it's sure fine over here. All we have done but it has been worth it. Every thing is O.K. but is chilchort. Every thing is O.K. another is stuck under mine and I'm about to step on his face. Just by the way I received Mom's letter with the picture in it. It looks nice & I sure appreciate it. Mom is your hair really that short, or is it a wig. Dad, I think I'll have a beard by the time I see you

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637

APO 31-B, Co. "H", 167th Infantry
C/o Postmaster

San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)

Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

May 1/45

Dear Mom & Pop, Sam

Well another day has rolled around & I'm still feeling fine. Hope you folks are the same. Sam I'll be seeing you soon. Sam wants to know if I'll write. Well sure will. Had a nice day yesterday. Sunning & resting & writing. Received some mail from Sam & Mom. Was glad to hear from you. Received letter from Mom & Pop dated April 15th

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 81-B, c/o Postmaster
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Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

(Date)

V-MAIL

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S.G.T. HAROLD L. BANK
Co. M. 167th Inf. APO 31. B
% P.M. SAN. FRANCISCO
CAL.

SAM BANK
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA

4/4/44
(Date)

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% P.M. SAN. FRANCISCO
CAL.

SAM. BANK
(Sender's name)
TUSCALOOSA
(Sender's address)
ALA
5/5/44
(Date)

5/5/44

my dear Mary it rained all nite and it looks like it going to rain all day, just the day we have a little drill on. the day the Nat'l Committee men, I am glad you wrote her. will my dear Senator Bankhead 700 dollars from the Bankhead Cotton Bank, it is an without him again, but it is all right, my self, I am getting along fine, I am glad you are getting along fine, I hope you are all well, I am fine, I will close for this time, I will write you soon, I will be glad when this war is over, I will be glad when I get back home, I will be glad when I get back home, I will be glad when I get back home

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Co. M. 167TH INF. APO. 31. B.
C/O P.M. SAN. FRANCISCO
CAL.

From SAM. BANK
Sender's name
TUSCALOOSA
Sender's address
ALA

Date

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
Co. H. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 34 B
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank
(Sender's name)

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
(Sender's address)

Date

V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORMS NO. 10

No.

To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
Co. H. 167th. Inf.
A.P.O. 31 B.
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank--20416637
Co. "M"--167th Infantry
APO 31-B, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
[Sender's name]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
[Sender's address]

[Date]

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From

Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Date

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To

Sgt. Harold L. Rank,
Co. H. 167th.Inf. A.P.O. 81 %
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Rank,
Sender's name
Tuscaloosa,
Sender's address
Alabama

Date

V-MAIL

To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
Co. H. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31 3
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San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

CENSOR'S STAMP

5/13/43 Dear Boy, Sure had the
pleasure today of receiving your letter of
May 2nd. Was very glad to hear from you
and to know you are well. Have been
having some rainy weather here
lately and haven't been able to get
out much. Received a nice card
from Mamie yesterday. Also a nice card
from Mattie and Dan. Mamie is still
working and Dan is in the Army
now. Mattie says Dan is in
Camp Blanding, Florida. Have not
heard from Dan since he left
here. Mamie is still working
at the Cal Ingalls Hotel. Mattie
is still working at the Ingalls
Hotel. Dan is in Camp Rucker
in Ala. Have not heard from
him since he left here. Mamie
is working at the Ingalls Hotel
and is doing alright.
The Dannys are still living
in Florida. He comes to see
us about every week end.
We had a nice visit with
them last Sunday. Will close
as ever time. Love and kisses
Mother

V···-MAIL

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20476437
Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31 B
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

Date

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Co. H. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31 B
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

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Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 81 B
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco. Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
Sender's name
Tuscaloosa,
Sender's address
Alabam

Date

5/17/44

Dear Son, Mother, Sister and I received your letter dated April 27th. and we were glad to hear from you. We are all well and hope you are the same. It is a nice day here today. Mother is working in the garden and I am sitting on the porch reading the paper. Mother is going to the store this afternoon and I am going to the show tonight. We have been having some rain lately but it is clearing up now. We are planning on going to the beach next week if the weather is nice. We will be glad when you get back home. We miss you very much. Mother is going to write you a letter tomorrow. She is busy now. We will close for this time. Write soon. Love, Mother, Sister and Dad.

V-MAIL

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Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31 B
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

(Date)

...ay dear Boy — it is a nice day ... that you are ... well. Dear Paul ... Julia Ann Bank ... Love, Mother

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Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

Date

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Co. M. 167th. Inf.
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San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

Date

5/19/44

my dear boy, but your letter greatly
pleased me. I should like a letter like
that regularly. Now, I am trying
to write about me. I am
not about it much. I am
feeling quite well, it is very hot here
but about it much. I am
just the letter or card. I am
glad to hear about it. I am
sure that I will get a letter
from Sid with me arithmetic and
Shaw Hall with me arithmetic and
me arithmetic Explorers has Reports to
Harold L. Bank. I want to
Bank, I want to
and Model Train and his right
Nan. H. E. Bank. I will May Boy
him a Plant Test your Bank Slide
your Plant and it your Plant
and when you Plant
Father, we have Plant and Plant
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Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20344637

Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31

C/o Post Master,

San Francisco, Calif

From

Sam Bank,

Sender's name

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Sender's address

Date

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Sam Bank,

Tuscaloosa,

Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, ALA. MAY 22 6:30 PM 1944

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Sam Bank,

(Sender's name)

Tuscaloosa

(Sender's address)

Alabama

(Date)

5/22/44

My dear son Harold Letter is the
dandiest we've taken from you yet. How
one does it, I don't know & will not inquire
but I will say it's all right with us
all about it. We are glad you wrote
it's also glad to hear you're in
Australia & being married. Just treat
them as you would a girl you have
had & be sure all the baby's are
mark 37 years old when they're born.
Lenard got a number over there
Lucky devil. Well Harold, I'll
close for now. Will write all about
matter. Keep the mail coming. Love
Father

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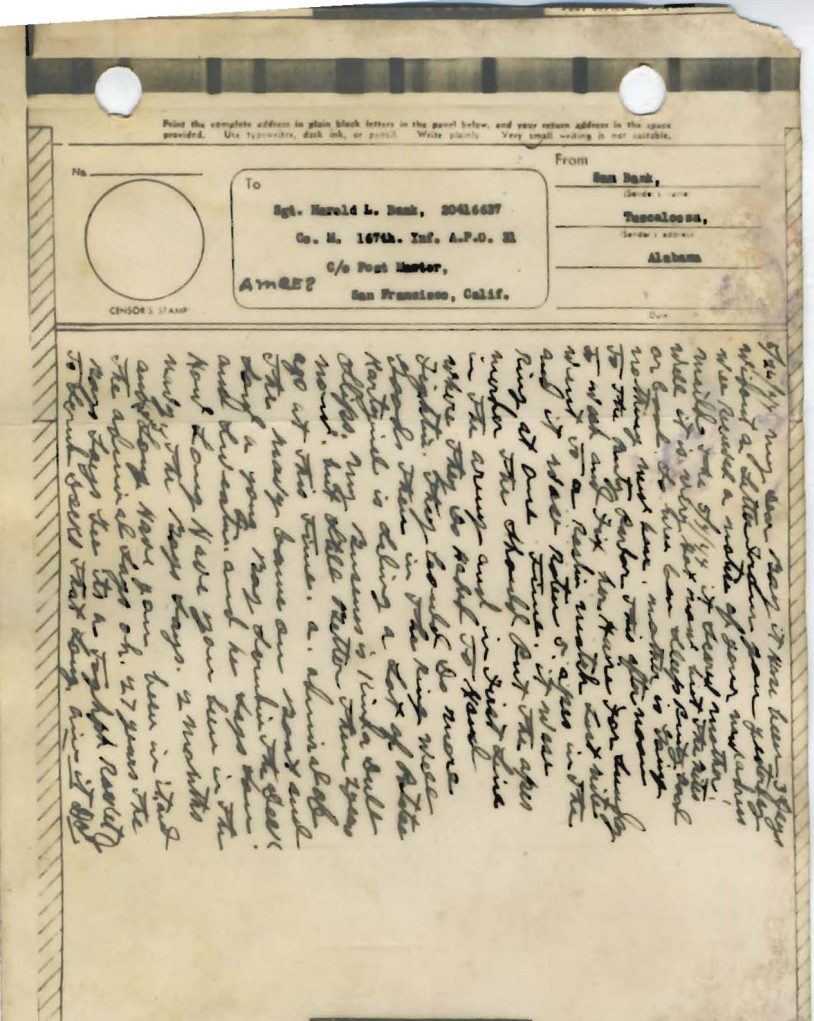
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1943

Corp. Harold L. Bauk
Co. M. 167th Inf. APO 31. U.S. Army
Camp. Shelby
Miss

5/27/43

(Jeanneal)

My Dear Bostaner
I Was Thinking of coming
To See you Sunday
but I Wont be able To
Do it Now! as Pizity is
in New york, and The
Gang Havent any money
They Just Dide it To me
in Dribets 9ct To 2/20 at
a Meeting. Let Me Know
Where you are Going I Read
it is Miss Rite!
Do you Want a Chicken
When you Get a Base and
you Dont Eat it, you
can Dide it To Some ole

The Boys,
but Thats Small Stuff
When Those The First
National Bank Start
Geting Some of The
Investment Back!
I Think you are Gambling
and you Dont Know How!
They are just Taken it away
From you.! How about
it Tell me The Truth
What are you Doing with
your Money!
I Got a 25.00 Bond of
yours Last Week!
Every Thing is as usual
Good Luck and Tell me
Everything is with you Love Pop!

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Co. K. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31

C/o Post Master,

San Francisco, Calif

From

Sam Hank,

(Sender's name)

Tuscaloosa,

(Sender's address)

Alabama

Date: _____

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To Sgt. Harold L. Donk, 20418437
Co. H. 109th. Inf. A.P.O. 31
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Donk,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

Date

6/3/44 Hey there Sarge, sent a letter to you a few days ago, but I'm writing again because I've got a few minutes to spare. We're still in the hospital. Don't think we'll be here much longer though. Everything is quiet around the hospital now. Received a letter from Mama today. She is living at Uncle Sam's now. Haven't heard from Dad in a long time. Have you? Well, I'm going to close now. Write soon. Love, Sam

P.S. Have you heard from Bobby lately? I received a letter from him a few days ago. He's in Italy now. Haven't heard from Jack in a long time. Have you? Write soon. Love, Sam

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To SGT. HAROLD L. BANK. 20111439. CO. M. 167TH. INF. APO 31, c/o P.M. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

From SAM. BANK (Sender's name)

(Sender's address) TUSCALOOSA ALA

Date

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SAN. FRANCISCO
CAL.

From SAM BANK
TUSCALOOSA
ALA

Date

6/6/44. Dear Boy Now on your
uncle Jr. invasion attack I pray
and hope that you write to a cousin
who has been stationed some where
that I can locate you. Please
write me a letter and tell me
all you know and any thing
you can about this invasion
and if you have met any of
our relatives. Please write
me a letter and tell me
where you are stationed
now. Dear Cousin I am
sorry that I am not
able to write you a letter
but I am sending you
a card. I will be glad
to hear from you soon
Dear Cousin I am sorry
that I am not able to
write you a letter but
I am sending you a card
I will be glad to hear
from you soon. Dear
Cousin I am sorry that
I am not able to write
you a letter but I am
sending you a card I

6/3/44 My dear Boy Hart or you I Hope it is all with you. Every thing here is as usual no minds only about the invasion Every body talks about yesterday Every thing in tender Colored up at 5 P.M. and went to church and Temple this morning all the Churches and Temple Hall Prayer meetings and Every body is Praying that we Should move your words of the Germans. So we can Put more Pressure on the Japs! you Keep on writing for things in Every Letter and write more often. I Get the wrist bands yesterday and I will Send them to you Soon as I Get them in it is bad this morning for a chance. I Hope it stays that way I can keep my Feet in my mouth and Cuss my Feet Good. But I Can't eat with them yet. all set we to it Every body Says they look Good. a lot of People Say you are Lucky Having such nice Feet in your age. they think its my ankle but it don't look like it Every thing Feels Before the Fairest of Heat I am Fakin about Love God

From SAM. BANK
[illegible]
TUSCALOOSA
ALA

To SGT. HAROLD L. BANK
20916657
CO. M. 167TH INF. APO 31
C/O P.M.
SAN. FRANCISCO
CALIF.

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From

Sam Bank,
Sender's name
Tuscaloosa
Sender's address
Alabama

Date

6/10/44

[illegible] Dear Daddy, Today is Saturday and I am sitting here at the desk writing you a few lines and wishing that I could be there with you instead of here. Well Daddy I got a letter from you yesterday and was glad to hear from you. I am glad that you are getting along fine. I am getting along fine also. I am feeling fine and dandy. I have been working hard all week. I have been working on the road. I have been working on the road all week. I have been working on the road all week. I have been working on the road all week

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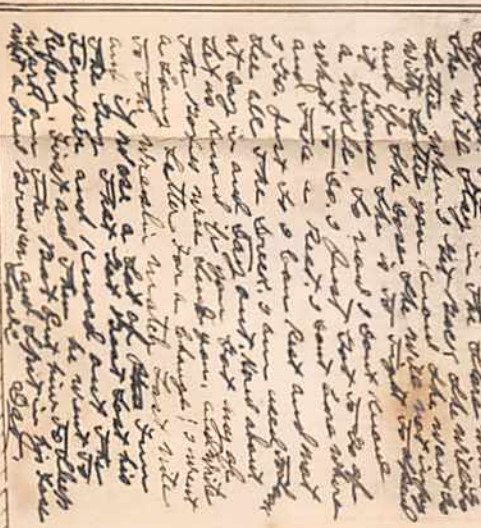
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CENSOR'S STAMP

To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
Co. M. 167th. Inf. 20416637
A.P.O. 31.
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
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Tuscaloosa,
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6/11/42 Navy

Dear Mary Hamilton & Nyra
Jean in Corpus Christi Texas and Corpus
& Mary Jean Keith and Corpus
Christi Texas Navy Base, & Jean Kennedy
about the Navy Base, & Jean Kennedy
Jean are all the Navy Base, & Jean Kennedy
Nyra & Jean Navy Base, & Jean Kennedy
Mary & Jean Navy Base, & Jean Kennedy
Christi Texas

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From

Ben Bard,
(Name.)
Tuscaloosa,
(Street & number)
Alabama

To

Sgt. Harold K. Bard.
A.S.N.
O/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

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Date

6/14/42

Dear Mary, Received your letter
some time ago and was glad to hear
from you. Have been very busy
since I last wrote you. Have been
down to Montgomery on business
about two weeks ago and while
there saw Ellie Nelson. She
looks fine and is getting along
nicely. Saw Mrs. Stamps and
Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes
and Mrs. Stamps are both
well. Have not been to see
Mrs. Hughes since I got back
but will go soon. Mrs. Hughes
is still in the hospital. Mrs.
Stamps and Mrs. Hughes are
both

V-MAIL

From
Dear Dents,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

To
A.P.O. 32,
c/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

Date

8/15/44

Censor's stamp



6/15/19 Hello Hershey How you feel after the 2 day Ride Good I Hope I Told you To ask for Something in Every Letter if I Have To Hand a Request in Letter before I Can Lend you a Dam I Hope you understand it. I got a Letter from Roe yesterday Leonard is in Mp. again I Can't Remember if I Told this yesterday! I didn't understand about your Promotion you told me in your Letter yesterday Why don't you Fill up those Letters Why Waist Space Did you find a Billy Goat yet. Did you ever Write To Rubber Braden yet. You Shonuf! Harry Benson is in London now, I Had a Big Day yesterday I Wash'd Like Nobody Say Sir in Army Lovers and Kelin them as Just as I Sir them at 10c EACH matter is Beginning Nobody to Write it Close is Lonesome. I am Going to Start using the bar. on the 2nd of this month. Boy will I be Glad you Can't Get a Fade unless you Wait 2 Shaves or Longer to Take Them off Clean and it is Hard on Razor Blades, Because I Don't Mind not Get. Pay Day Take it Rest Let me Hear From your Letter I am out of Paper I Can't understand why You Can't Say any Thing about Dad

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To

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A.P.O. 21,
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San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,

Tuscaloosa

Alabama

Date

V-MAIL

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OFFICIAL STAMP

To [redacted]
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From
San Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

Date

6/20/18

Dear dear Bert I'm so glad
Dream girl Sweetheart while
I miss you Kiss
Pet Hartman about
write Hartman is
dear I'm
A. I'm
Kiss
Kiss
Kiss

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San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
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Tuscaloosa,
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Alabama

Date

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To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank,

From
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

6/22/44

My Dear Ray & Got your Letter yesterday I'll be over about 3rd week in July & Get married and Get Regina to help me. I guess I am some Ass you are Getting things next wk. I don't want Get it. Letter till he hear this afternoon mailed the Box. Letter is not Feelin Good Be like Will stay home a Week Days. it Have been very Hot. Lately I Didn't Get the Calpin yet you said you Sent me To Read about the Baby I suppose All Get it Soon. So far I Haven't Got any of the Thing you Put me. The invasion Started from the U. you write me June 7th & and told me about it Have it That. The Boys or Going a Good Job There's Hope The Will or Brandon Will Summer in France! The Wars Looks Good For us. I Just Pray it Won't Last Long. I Got a Telegram That Wants The army Store and if he Brings me to Brand I am Going To Let him Have it. and when you Come Home Will open a army Store Wholesale only! I Told Going To be The Coming Business after The War! Will Get a Big Warehouse Just Out 2 Men Out on The Road, you Stay inside and I will Stay in Chicago and N.Y. Just Ship Your The Rubber, all you Will Have To Do. is Sell it. Huh! Well I Wanted To Start The Car This morning but The Battery Won't Work. So I am Having The Battery Charged Will be Ok. again. So Write Soon Everything Will be OK. Good Luck Good Things. Write and Then Love Dad.

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6/24/44 My Dear Son Well This is Saturday morning and is it Hot, it is going to be a Scorcher's Sure to be Now I am going to Start it Well peanuts & Lister beans in Last nite. and Boy did mother Have a Good Time Smashd until 12 minute This morning She was all in and he Was 2, To nite Buddy is Coming in Sunday mom & morris will Come in So you See We Will Have Plenty of Company We Can't Read any thing with out Seeing from you That you got Some of The Seeds Then will Start Sending 2 Boxes a Week again in The mean Time you Must write Some Thing in Every Letter, Sam Bill Bloom yesterday and he Said he Wrote you a Letter, Stanly Bloom is Coming in Sunday, Luther Reames Wife is Sick in The Hospital, Every Thing is The Same, now nuse That is nothing of importance Lattie is going to write you To Day, I suppose Sam mother Wrote you a Long Letter, Did you Get it, I Sat by Mom in The Store Friday Every Thing and We Had Spend a nickle. So I Left Them and want To Finish This Letta if They asks me one more question I am going To Tell him To Let me alone I am busy Right my Way, and I Have no information For. Hear The or Getting on my nerve. Those Negroes They Should Stay Home and Work. Produce Some Thing, instead of Going in around The Store and Worry Sam. Right! Nancy Brown is in in the Town Well I Hope. I will Be Home Soon Write To me Soon Love Dad,

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Sender's address
Alabama

Date

6/26/44 my dear Boy How are you Good I Hope so that a Caliping Down Lenk and Read it 2 Times all about the Sports in the army. Cant Get any Thing out of it But not Lee any Thing about a Derby. Wee Wee Had a Rouse Rell yesterday. Buddy came in Saturday nite Mavis Minnie and Beverly came and We Had a Good Time Seamstt Sister and Boy are Leaving To morrow. So it will be Lonesome again! It is a Little Cooler To Day we Have Had Nice Days Last week. I Haven't Got a Radio. Soon as I Get one I'll Try To Lend You one. but I Cnow I Cant. They Want Take any Thing over 5 L.B. Soon as I Hear That you Have The Books I am Going To Lend You 2 Books Every week, as Long as you Cant Get Them it is no use Lending it. We are Busy To Hear I Hope next Fourth will be Paris, and then The War will Stop The Germans will not Fight any More and Lail what do you Think! Shyan you Waiting So many Spells Why dont You Save Those Skills For The Japs, and Then what are you doing Shorty I Thought you Said you were in The Communication Line Sept, I Cant Get it, unless There is Something Else to it. Ch.! Well Take Care of your Self and Cant Love any more Wright. Love From all but Rite now.

Dad.

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CENSOR'S STAMP

6/27/44 My Dear Hay no Line from you in 3 Days. I Hope Every Thing is OK. Well Buddy left Last nite and Jeannett & Sister are Leaving To day So mother will have a little Rest She Lives is been Working. Mrs. Mc Duff is in Tuscaloosa and She Was at The house Last nite but I Didnt See her. and I dont Care. Bro. is in Rome, nothing new here it is very Hot and Business is very dull. and it looks Like it is Going To be dull. Well Have decided To Send mother To Miami I am sure She will like it much Better There. With aunt Anna. and I will Have Stay Home, I Can Take it. but I am Getting very Tired. I Get up in the morning Tired and Go To Sleep Tired. but after I Get Around a little I Feel Better To. Say I Got Rotten Last nite I Got and Couldnt Sleep but To nite I am Going To Sleep about 730 P.M. So all be OK. To-morrow my Secretary Didnt Come This Week. So I am all alone in The Store. and I am Getting alone if This is my Last Worry. I Hope. Now about writing a Long Letter and Tell me. How you Getting alone and When you Get a Furlow. are you Going after Rent Soon. it is about Time we heard From him Well Mrs. Allen is Going To be here Saturday The are Going To have an auction Sale at The Rent House Selling Goods. and he is Going To Board Cost The Sale. he is very much in The Demand now all over Town Sale! Dad!

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From
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CENSOR'S STAMP

Date

6/28/44 my dear Son it is now 10 Pm. and I just Remind my Self that I didnt Write to you to Say So how I am at it again I Sure Hear from you This Week, Sept. I made a Good Purches yesterday 6000.00 Dollars for mother 6000.00 for Sister and 4000 for my Self so you will Have Plenty ammunition To Shoot Well mother Have decided To go to miami with Sister, and I Stay Home, and That Suits me Just Fine Going To Cook for my Self. I Know mother Will Have a Good Rest in miami with Sister Will Have a Good Rest in miami with Sister Anna, Well I Sat me a new Day and I am working my Self To Death I Have To Have To Go it Business is Still but Little it is Better Then 1941. Norland is OK, now he had a nice vacation The Stores, are going To be Closed monday and Tuesday on account of The 4th of July To Give The Clerks time To Go and Injoy The Holidays. The Clerks Have To Go and Injoy The Holidays as you Either of I am on Page of The Paper it Says Every body Should Stay Home on The 4th To Give The Soldiers a Chance To be able To Go on The Trains and Buses. am on The Most Page it Have a Article Saying The Clerks Getting a Break The Stores will be Closed 2 Days So The employees will Have time To Rest and Have a Good Time on The War Keeps up The unions will Make a Hell of a Mess Wells Fargo Bank Wont To Work, and Stop all They Do Here and Then the union Back Call

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
L. Bank
[Sender's name]
1901 4th Ave. S.
[Sender's address]
Birmingham 3, Ala.

June 28, 1944
[Date]

DEAREST HAROLD,

I KNOW YOU THINK I'M AWFUL FOR NOT HAVING WRITTEN IN SO MANY DAYS, BUT AS I WROTE YOU IN THAT LETTER I WROTE LAST WEEK I WENT HOME LAST WEDNESDAY AND STAYED UNTIL TUESDAY AND WE HAD COMPANY AND I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, AND I HATE TO WRITE I LIKE TO TYPE LETTERS. GUESS WHAT, MY GIRLFRIEND ISN'T GOING TO MIAMI SO MOTHER IS GOING IN HER PLACE, ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? WE ARE LEAVING JULY 6 AND WILL STAY AT THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SO WRITE US THERE. AUNT ANNIE IS THERE NOW AND SHE AND MOTHER WILL REALLY HAVE A TIME, WISH YOU COULD COME ALONG WITH US, I CAN BACK TOES, MORNING AND FOUND FOUR LETTERS FROM YOU AND I SURE WAS GLAD TO GET THEM, HAROLD, JEANETTE AND SIS WERE AT THE HOUSE AND WE SURELY DID ENJOY HAVING THEM, I JUST SAW THEM OFF, THEY ARE GOING TO ATLANTA WHERE SIS'S BOYFRIEND IS AND THEN NEXT WEEK THEY ARE GOING TO N.Y. HAROLD, I AM SENDING YOU AARON RIDER'S BROTHER IN LAW'S ADDRESS AND I WANT YOU TO FIND HIM AND GET TO SEE HIM, HE IS A NICE GUY AND FROM MIAMI, HERE IT IS: PVT. MARRICK DAVIS, 34916045, CO. "F", 594TH ENGR., 4TH BDE, APO #139. HE IS IN NEW GUINEA ALSO SO TRY TO FIND HIM OR WRITE HIM, HE'S MARRIED TO AARON'S SISTER, FROM YOUR LAST FEW LETTERS YOU DON'T SOUND AS IF YOU HAVE BEEN DOING ANYTHING BUT SLEEP AND EAT, AND I SURELY AM GLAD THE FOOD IS BETTER NOW, GOSH, I SURELY DID FEEL SORRY FOR YOU FOR A WHILE, I ONLY HOPE YOU GET SOME OF THE BOXES WE SENT SOON, HAROLD, WHEN YOU WROTE MOTHER TO WRITE YOU SO SHE COULD GIVE YOU LUCK, I GATHER YOU WILL GO INTO ACTION SOON, IS THAT RIGHT? HEARD TODAY THE RUSSIANS ARE ONLY 250 MILES FROM GERMANY, I HOPE THEY GET THERE BEFORE THE AMERICANS DO AND CLEAN THOSE D... GERMANS UP, DON'T YOU? I'M GLAD YOU GOT A LETTER FROM NAOMI, I ONE HER ONE NOW, OH, I KEEP FORGETTING TO SEND YOU THAT PICTURE OF RUTH, I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER IT AND SEND IT TO YOU SOON, O.K.? HAROLD, RUDDY WAS IN TUSCALOOSA OVER THE WEEK-END AND HE IS SUCH A SWEET BOY, DON'T YOU THINK? HE HAS LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT, THOUGH, AND IS VERY THIN NOW, HE DOESN'T LOOK AS GOOD AS HE DID WHEN HE WAS HERE BEFORE, HE IS GETTING HIS FURLOUGH SOON AND GOING TO N.Y. HE WANTS TO GET MARRIED, BUT I DOUBT IF HE WILL. ED'S WIFE'S NAME BEFORE SHE MARRIED WAS PRISCILLA COHN. DID YOU KNOW HER? SHE HAS BEEN MARRIED BEFORE SHE MARRIED ED, BUT THAT WAS HER NAME BEFORE HER FIRST MARRIAGE. I HAVEN'T MET JULIUS' WIFE YET, BUT THEY GOT BACK YESTERDAY. EVERYONE SEEMS TO LIKE HER A LOT. I WROTE YOU THAT SHE WAS ARNOLD'S FIRST COUSIN, DIDN'T I? JULIUS TOLD ME TODAY WHEN I BUMPED INTO HIM ON THE STREET THAT EVERYONE IN SAVANNAH IS SO CRAZY ABOUT BOBB, AND HE IS CRAZY ABOUT ALL OF THOSE FOLKS, I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET YOU A CAMERA BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FIND ONE OR NOT, BUT I'LL TRY, I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR ABOUT BOB ENGLE, AND YES, WILLENE MARRIED A JEWISH BOY, I WROTE YOU THAT BEFORE, GOSH, I FEEL TERRIBLE, I HAVEN'T ANSWERED NAT'S LETTER, I KNOW HE MUST THINK I'M TERRIBLE, I WENT TO THE BOND SHOW LAST NIGHT WITH SIS, DADDY BOUGHT A BOND, AND WE GOT TICKETS, LISTEN WHO WAS THERE, AL JOLSON, MARTHA O'DRISCOLL, ROSEMARY LANE, JOHN PAYNE, FANNON BR, PVT. JOHN PAYNE, LT. BILL HOLDEN, MISCHA AUER, GIL LAMB, AND A FEW OTHER GUYS I NEVER HEARD OF, BUT I SURELY DID ENJOY IT, I ENJOYED HEARING AL JOLSON SING "MAMMY" AND "SONNY BOY", HE SURELY HAS AGED A LOT, SOME GIRL NAMED KILLEEN WOODS SANG, AND SHE REALLY COULD SING, OH, YES, PAUL WHITEMAN WAS THERE, TOO, IT WAS REALLY SOMETHING, GOSH, IS IT HOT HERE? I GUESS IT IS HOTTER IN MIAMI, BUT AT LEAST THERE IS A BREEZE THERE, DAMN IT, I FORGOT TO BUY A MAP TODAY FOR MYSELF.

WELL, GUESS THAT IS ALL FOR THIS TIME, SO WRITE SOON AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, AND DON'T FORGET TO WRITE US AT THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, AND BE GOOD, LOVE,

LOTTIE

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From
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6/29/44 My dear Boy How are you Hope Good only I Did'nt Double This week I Got Exam you Having Love you Could Put a note in Knew you Sent a S. S. Lazy I Think! Eh. no nuts at The Home Front. Very Hot. Business at a Stand Still on account of the Heat I Presume my new Secretary is Pretty Good you Know The Boy. Jim and his Lady Dave you a Ride on The Meridian Highway his Car Cells insurance and is a Fast Talkin Fellow I Dont Remember his name The Boy is about 10 or 12 Big Boy for his age! So you Remember Ky! Well mother is Getting Ready for her Trip and She Sent me a Ton Note what I Should Eat Every Nite and Want To Cook it and Have To Wash The Dishes! She Wants me To Eat Home what She Likes. and note What I Want To Eat! ofcourse I Have To Cook! Well that The Least Worry I Got She means Well I am Sure of That. I Got Letter & Beautiful Cruises at Rizito For 4 or 5 Days in the Wee Hours Some nice Blondes on her Trips! and now She Wants To Borrow 50.00 For Expenses. in Miami! So you Think it is a Good Investment Don't Say any Thing To her about it She is very Emotional about Those Things! and She might Get Mad and Want Except it. and Make me Look Bad! it as a Loan! as I do Want Her To Have a Good Time all you Could Look Back!

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(CENSOR'S STAMP) SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (Sender's complete address above)

3/4/44 my Dear Son Received your Letter yesterday Glad Dave O.K. I Let Capt Sutter Read it. He Came To The Store in the afternoon and Shot The Bull Some. Then I Treat him Some Hard Candy Gobstick Tom Some Steel & and all The Trimmings Wine Punch. Pellard Fruit Salad Cake. And Bayden he Rest it away. he had 2 Tom Some Steaks For only Reason he Dident Eat any more he Said That his Corset he wears. Would not Stretch any more, he Said That's The Best meal he Have had in his life, he is a Real nice Chap I Showed him all The Corrales, and he Knew most Every body in it and he Got a Kick Of it. but That is not all I Took him To Pigsty Hauses and he made 2 or 3 Markets, & he Really had a Good Time he Said he Never Had any body To Show him Such a Hospitality a Good meal and Pay him 2 or 3 Dollars all That! he is Coming Back To See me & where he Left he Shook my Hand and Told me What a Good Time he Had and Put a Lot of Feeling in it and my Hand Were Sore To Peter. his Hand is as Big as Face Almost Feet, my Fingers are Still Sore To Peter! He Sends his Regards To Dave and all The Boys, Well That is about all Mother Want To Tell it. Good By. and Take Care I Wouldnt Be So Long. Love

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7/6/44 my dear Boy I got 1 Letter and 1 P. C. mother got 4 Letters from you. and very Glad to hear from you. I sent you a box To day T. P. + Candy Fruits I got a box from you To day. Eggies and some other food, The magazin + Mirror is English. I wouldn't Spend The Stamps on it. Appears Thats The Way it Look about it. You must more about it Later just Rain in and is going Back Tomorrow her friend is getting married The Weather Girl. Marcery Lane Soldier, From Cal. Just got a Letter from my mother She said she had a Letter from you and Baby Ned a Letter from you. well it is very Hot here, but now we are not So busy. We can Take it. ozzie mother sent Letter Today her Same Play Suits So She got 2. at 7.00 each. and for Sat To Take The Tickets of when mother So The Price She found white and Rainel Nell at all. because They are very nice and Look Good on her. must She just Rain in White Same from Mearyale for 5.98 and it Looks Better The 7th 6.98 So She is going To keep Those. I Hope. I Hope, She is Trying at our now! and I. Got Receipt from her Shoots The Bull! She is So Tickled This morning Yesterday She Received in 10 years. So I Told her She Cant Take it with her. Regist. Ch. Love Dad

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7/8/44 my dear son How are you but I Letters from you yesterday and Glad to hear from you I challenge you to a game of Checkers if you think you Do Good. I sent you a Telegram on mother and Lottie They made the trip nicely I do hope they Made a Good time. I Guess To Begin last nite and he wants me to Go To Hot Springs with him on the 16 of July. I Got a Good mind To Blow up and Not What Do you Think about it you Do? Made To Get your Permission. after all it is Down. I Cant Take it with me! what do you Say! Thank you, I asked you To write Sarah in Every Letter but you Don't Do it sometimes Half of the Letter empty but Fails to write Sarah! I didn't Get that clipping about the Derby. I Read the one about the Soldiers Prison. and Boy the he Did it wasn't much it Was Good. I Sent you a Picture and Hope it Will Reach you Soon. Well I Got Room To Write and Help me To Say, I am, Glad Well I Had To Stop and Tell Something Funny Every Time I Start To Write Ray mother Would Come in Sunday This morning but it is OK. She needs a Rest and I Hope She Gets it She needs it Bad Well Write often as you Can Always Love Dad

Keep Smiling.

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7/10/44 my Dear Boy, Had a Letter from you Whom Dayan want the Ribbons for. with a Star in it not for you Self. Hope, I am Sending them To you To Day. Well, I Rec'd Telegram Saturday from mother and She is O.K. I Expect To Get a Letter from Lottie To Day. I Hope I Do. It is very Lonesome I went To Pigity Last nite Played Rummy and Got 17.00 from him and he Run me out of The House he Said his House is To Busy for me. So To nite wee Play at Raymons Yes I Supposed That Chief a Long time aga and Selnut Hear from it yet. must be, O.K. again I must ask you Please ask for Food in Every Letter you understand I Can't write Letters To Buy Self. I might Say The Wrong Thing. Well, I Got Rose This morning. and a Key. So That will Help. Same. I Just Hope They Stay. The Boy is a Loaning Boy and he Gets under my Skin Buts in To Every Thing. but it is Better Then nothing! Well Nothing new hear To Rel You. Dan Promised To Send Some Pictures Of you. Soon as I have my Teeth all Fix I will Take Some and Send you Some

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7/11/44 My Dear Boy How are you. I Got your V.Doodle yesterday but nothing in it about Sam Jan Play Ball. Well I Havent heard from you or Mother yesterday I Presume They are Busy. it is very Hot Here. I See in The Paper where Sam Patty Have been decorated and completed his 50 missions and coming Home next Week. Some Break! Eh. So you Got Stuck That your Going after Rent! Why Cant you Tell me That You Enlisted your account to a Saving account! is it Supose to be a Secret Eh! I went to Raymond Last nite and Got me just Couldnt make it Click! I am Sending you a Pen with those Ribbons. I Hate. Let me Know if it is for your self or not! My Hand Boy Cole me The Derby Dallies. I Dont Know what to do with Him! a Nice Nurse Started working in a Hospital and Got Wars at 8 P.m. he first Patient Was a Soldier and his Leg Got Last he must go to Sleep at 8 P.m. So She said To The Soldier Good This is my First nite in here and I Want you To Help me out Tell me How to. But you To Sleep. So The Boy Said Well you Wipe My Face Comb my Hair. Then he Kissed me I Kiss my Hand Nite to The Nurse Did all That and When She Got To The Door She Said See Let That I Was not Supose to Do The Last Thing. Love

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
Co. M. 167th. Inf. 20816697
A.P.O. 81. C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/13/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My dear Boy I Got a Letter from you today that you Sent the 7/6/44 That Sure Looks like. Well I Got 2 Cards from Lottie yesterday mother is Fine it Say Nelson Wife Had, Boy Last week, so Sad nelson is not There I am Glad you Like a Lot of Maxine Watches So you Can Ride up Some Pointe and you Having any Rain There you ought to Have Some Good Exercise! I Told you to Say Something in Every Letter in the Line Of Food, no news in Town we Had a Little Rain and we need it much, I went to Sleep Late with 730, and Got up 645 This morning, Sleep Good Sleep Ok. well I Think I am Going to Hot Springs with Rigsby next week and I am Going on a Diet Let Up I Can Reduce Some and While There, I am Going to Take Exercise, and Other To my Diet While There You See I am Telling To Last, I am afraid You might Take advantage of me When You Get Back So I Have To Keep up. Everything and I intend To Keep That Way! Rite, or Left! Business is Kinda Slow This week, but Better Than 2 years ago at This time now If you Don't Hear From me in 2 or 3 Days Remember it Not Because I Don't Write because I Write Every Day Regardless, and I intend To Keep Making To Be

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San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/12/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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My Dear Boy Have one your Card & Hope yesterday & Sat 2 Letters openers and one ask Trag aine Plane made out of Bullets it is real nice work. Did you mean it. in the future Back Those thing a little better more Paper and the Letter. Well mother and Sallie are Having a Good Rest. but I don't think Sallie Likes it There. Nelsons Wife had a Boy. So Mag is Keeping me Lonely. Trouble ole Pard to Make it Messages. I wish you could be it for me I went to Kentaines Last nite and Lost $00 They Have an Tascen advantage over me! Believes is Faire Just made a Road Sale to Brandon Lumber Co. I Got in a Lot of Names yesterday but it is not Selling Hard but it will I think. wire me Duff is in Tenn & Didn't See her. But mother Did I Don't Care if I don't See her. Well Every body Send Regards to you. Sgt Joseph W. Wynn use to be in Camp Blanding and is in the Navy Tell Hard Wants you to Look up The Boys of The Following 2 Names and Tell Them Hello Ser. Wm Lt Sgt. Mackey 82nd D. 149 Inf apo 31. M/Sgt Reinin " " " " Capt Leffers Let Me Know if You Find Them

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FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/14/44
(Sender's complete address above)

my Dear Boy How are you Good? Hope Well mother and Lottie Call me Last nite and Lottie is having a Good time mother had a Little Spell with her stomach and had to Call a Dr. but she is O.K. now, and she will Have Some thing To Tell about, I received the air Mail Letter yesterday, all Kraus it is Restful Ward Who is making those Thing, it is very Good Ward, and I must tell you thats the Next Package you will Get if you Did if but it Don't Look Like you Want, Too Good! I'm glad to Say. Well you Should be Getting my Boxes By now! Let me Know so I can Send Some more! Every Thing is O.K. Hear only it is Hot. I Expect To Leave For Hot Springs next Tuesday, who wrote that Poem that yesterday, it is very Good but one Thing Good, Don't Forget me and. People Forget Dad. Well Every Thing will Ward and O.K. The Russians are 19 miles from Prusia now, it is up To you Fellows To Get The The P.O road and Get Rid of this Suffering and all the Rest a Stop To this Suffering and all the Boys There! Write Soon The Last Letter I Got From you only 11 Days Ago Well, Be Good

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Sgt. Harold J. Rank.
Co. B. 167th. Inf. 8043.6687
A.P.O. 81. C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Rank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/8/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My dear Boy. How are you Hank I hope I didn't hear from you in 2 days, I hated to hear from you. To day! I didn't hear from Martha yesterday one I will hear to day well I am getting Ready to leave for Hot Springs Tuesday at 6:10 P.m. will get to Hot Springs Wendsday 4 p.m. Right and I certainly am going with Knee to see Harold Have a Good time but I don't have for the Good time all I want is my Health I am going to try and Reduce about 20 Pounds while there I believe it will help me a lot Matter Count don't know but I am going to Call her Sunday and tell her about it I should like will be agravated I made up my mind To go I am going to stay in Hot Springs 2 weeks then I am going to Chicago and Lang will be all be over 4 weeks all To take it hard to me to think of Keeping Blanch that Long, but Health is worth more than Gelt Right! So you just keep on writing me and all transfer my mail To Hot Springs and I will write you Every Day While I am away! I Just Gave me Lena a order for a Suit Cake To Lend you for Xmas. So be Good and Take Care of your Self Love

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Black,
Co. B. 145th. Inf. [illegible]
A.P.O. No. c/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Black,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/17/44
(Sender's complete address above)

Hello My Boy no mail from you in 3 days. I am looking for some to day well I changed my mind about going To Hot Springs I Let Cartgind have my Ticket I just Cant Close up my Store For a month and Loose $3000.00 Business Ill Wait until mother comes back and make some arangment & Let Lee Stay in The Store I Had a Good Business Last Week! Sure Party Wants to Rent it I think all Get his Light and move it To my Store he Rent his Store Lone The Better Clothing Store Get his Store he Have 1500.00 Dollors of Loans That 375.00 a month Revenue! What do you think about it, I am Going To Talk To him To day if he dont want To much, Oh Well Things are about The same here no Special news. The Russians British and Eisenhauder are doing Purty Good and you and me arther are doing a Good Job So I Hope and Pray That it Wont be Long until you and Kent will be Back and then all Go To Hot Springs and Take a Good Rest. So Lets Hope it will be That way. Oh! Love Dad

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Co. M. 167th. Inf. 20416637
A. P. O. 31, C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/18-44

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My Dear Boy. Now are you. Hard I hope. Well I'm glad that I am not going to Hot Springs. Is the Wirst one to write her. What's the matter with me. That I must be sick. She is worried about me. Letter told me. The The robinsons are in miami from Iceland and Letter Keep them a Date Book I got a one. Sent yesterday Day home. For you. I am going Harry Remains adress To Day and will send it to you Tomorrow! Did you Get any Pay yet. I went To See Paretzky Last nite I Don't Think I will be able To Do any Business with him! he Wants To make a Big Profit on Everything! The mains Thing I was interested in was The Refuges, and he wants To keep that until he leaves The States! So it wont be any Thing Left! Well Tell me How your doing. The Food Good are you Getting Plenty of Sleep! I Don't Sleep nites! my Appetite is very Good. When are you going To Get in The P.X. I Don't Like The Idea about going around it They Charge The Prices out. What do you Think about it! Arnold Katz mail was here yesterday he Loses Trouble They Send him To Camp Shelby after Texas 2 years it is over! Poor Boy! Well Nothing New I Can Tell you but one Thing Keep up and Come Home I need you So Much it is Time Some Here I Need Love You Much Sam

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Co. H, 167th. Inf. 20416497
A.P.O. 34, C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/9/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Boy Harold! How are you. I am O.K. only disappointed by not having to Mat Spring with Rizity and Alex Kantzwich! I sure wanted to do. but I just cant blame up my Dreams. all Waste until another Games Back. Well I went to the party at about his House. and Rebecca. but I cant do any Dreams with him all Waste until he blames up and Fatle and a Rawm shop Dreams! What do you think about it Little Dream! Well to say every body blames at 11 P.M. I never did but I will to Day the Sisterhood is Giving a Dinner at Rita Rawm and a Rawm Games. So I think I can make more There! and I will blame to! it is long Not hear. and no Chance of Getting leave! do I have to take the Same Dreams all the Time Got a Letter from Rose Dime yesterday Dream Just Got in from Italy and Call her Dream Rosten he is O.K. and Eddy were Home Last week! I wish I could say that about my Boys! but I am not sure I were born in Russia! but think of the Happy Days when you and Bert come Home! I Pray that I Will be here to See it, and Dance a Kazatsky on a Russian Ruble! What Else that is

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Co. M. 167th. Inf. 20416437
A.P.O. 81. C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/20/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Boy How are you Good I Hope Well here I am Still Plugin and fighting the Heat and Boy it is Hot. yesterday I Closed up at 1 P.M. and went To Mrs Bowlers for Lunch the Laidis are Sailing Have a Lunch and we had a Game and I made 2500. If Cooper Slept to See me. He went To Columbus miss to Get his Wife. he Sends his Regards To you Every body in Birmingham is O.K. I dont hear from mother and Sallie in a Days. I Guess They are To busy Dear is Marys Address 1st Sgt Harry S. Brennan 7890 Tn Engr. Pet. Dist. Co. APO 465 C/o P.M. New York, N.Y. I Tell you in Every Letter To save for Food and you Cant Do it. It is To much Trouble! Self you Get any of the Boys To Trouble Boy the Folks are Having Some Trouble Over Harry! — Thing Soon Auntie Good Hope it wont be Long! until then will be in P.O. and Get Out of There! Boy What a Happy Day That will be in My Life Well Business is Large This week. Got a Letter from mom yesterday She Says She will write you This week. Stella is Sick in Chicago now Did you Ever Write Stella! Well Boy I Cant Know what To Tell you! Take Care of your Self Love mrs Bowlers Sam Inland Sends his Regards To you. Love Dad

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Co. H, 197th. Inf. 20418637
A.P.O. 31, c/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
3/22/44
(Sender's complete address above)

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Boy Have not got no mail from you all week must be busy Eh. I heard you have been moved, Oh Good Luck, and Pleas Take Care of your Self, mother is Doing a Good Deal in Miami and Goes Swimming Every Day They met Lester Ehlhart & his wife and They Have been very nice to mother Take her out and Show her the Town, Lottie is having a Good Time and Dont Say any thing about When She is Coming Back, I Hope She Gets Tired So She will Come Home, and Stay Home. nothing must hear all the same Thing I Stayed up all nite Listening to the Radio all about the Democrates Convention in Chicago and about Germanys Revolushin I Hope that army Brasses up and They Say that Mussolini was Arested yesterday, I Hope it is I am Tired and Sleepy now as Saturday morning, So I Guess I will miss mother as I always take a Nap when She is hear, So I will Have to Plug it out, I Cant wear my Plate, So I Have to Go back To the Dr. and Get a new Plate I Hate that I Cant Stand it When he Starts To Scrape around in my mouth With all That Junk, Well Write as Soon as you Can all my Love

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Co. M. 167th. Inf.
A.P.O. 31. C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM:
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

7/27/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy I was so Lazy This morning and didnt write it is now 3:30 P.M. and very Hot. Possums Sell So hear it is dust fine & Dandy Mother they are Leavin Wendesday for the Farm Mother will be hear Friday I Hope I Told her to Stay a While Will be hear Friday I Hope I Told her to Stay a Little Longer I Think I will Call her To night Rosabore Rigsby Rosabor Hodges and Sarah Rigsby Husband Came in To See me, They all Look Well. I Havent Got a Line From Sam in 7 Days So I am Worried, Whats the matter, nothing I Hope Well I got To Get Some one To Clean up the House before mother Gets hear, I Better. Now, you know matter, nothing much hear I Havent Seen Capt Butler he Promised To Come By or Call me, he Sure did Like To See the Girl Sandie, he Showed me Some Pictures he Got From Some of the Boys. well I dont Know What To Say, no mail From Sam Yet I Hope it will be Soon. Had a Big Business Later Day, and I Really Worked Hard Today and I Got a Good Rest Yesterday (Sunday) Wise To nite is Racer nite and Rigsby probably are not hear So I dont Know What I am To do. I Sure will miss old Uncle Archie Tell him you Got me Some Good Cabbage Aunt There, When are you Going To Write Me Like you Said you would. You Should Rest a While Now Honey, Take Care of yourself in While You are There, Take Care of yourself

my Boy Love

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Co. M. 167th. Inf.
A.P.O. 81, C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank.
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/25/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My dear Boy How are you Good I am Love well mother & Sister are coming Back Friday, it is nice & cool to day Last nite I went to Raymond and Sat 2:00 out of Store, Sat home 12:30. Read The Paper and Fell asleep. about 1:30 am. Sat up 8:30 This morning. The first time in years I Slept So Late I Had a Good Day yesterday and I started out Good This morning Sold a Set Harness to Minton Bros. 70.00. Just now, So it is a Good Start. I Wish you would Write The mail Carrier is Getting Tired of me accusing him of not Bringing me The mail. Well I Haven't been able To wear my Teeth Little he will Have To Put me To Sleep and Take a impression I Can't Keep my mouth Shut. and it Cant Come out Good. but I Can Eat Steak with my Gums They are Tough. Please Let me Know If you Got any of The Boxes yet I Cant understand me Seeing your Boxes and you not Seeing mine When mother Gets Back I will Send you a Box To take Care of your Self Get Plenty Sleep, and Drink a Lot of Milk Write often and be Sure To Come Home For Xmas! That's all I want you To do. Love Dad

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C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/26/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Boy your sweet Mama and Glad I was to get your Letter yesterday when I got Home. Mother is leaving Miami Tonite so she will be Home about Friday morning Boy will I be Glad. I Wrote you and told you that I made out O.K. on Jakes Wedding. I sent Home no Trouble with John! I am not Trying to tell and read you Going to Hold on To it until you get Back and then I will Coach you for about 60 Days and Then I will Come to Chicago Stay There Take Mother with me To Chicago Stay There about a Month at The Time and Ship you Some Meat! and you Go To Selling With your Brains and Physique and my Experience I Think will do OK, Eh! I Hope it Wont be Long until my Dream Comes True. and if you Get in Trouble will Have one of our Legal Department and Bert will Have Charge of That Letter The Secretary I Havent decided what Mother will Do. Will Have To Get in a Huddle and Decide! Boy What a Dream Sweet Waiting me up. I am Having a Good Time. Well It Looks Like You Not Going To Get The Boots, all The Trouble and Expense wasted Rotes. all The Trouble and Expense wasted

Love Dad

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Banks 20416427
Co. M, 167th, Inf. A.P.O. 96
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Ann Banks,
Tuscaloosa
Alabama
2/27/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Mary This is the nicest morning we have had. I am living in dread of the Rain and Sweat like a nigger on Station Day; Well mother was Confined Today yesterday morning but I got a Letter from her that she might Look Saturday or Sunday and I was in hope when the Letter came that she would stay in the Store and I do. To Hot Springs but she Tell me that if I still want to Go to Hot Springs that she will oblige me and Go with me. now what do you Think of her. isn't she nice! I Think all Ways to do it. To Ch! Well I Hope your Letter in your next hand, and Like it Let me know where it is Lazyass I Believe Say you I am correct. or Tell me about Johns wedding Yes! Well nonsense is Rain no news that I can Tell you. So Take * Care of your Self. I Remain To Hal. Sister Last nite she Tells me that her waiting a Reply after mail is he in your Co. Take Care of your Self my Boy and write

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Co. H, 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 25
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

7/28/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Boy How are you I'm Fine Got A Letter From Julia Rusty Good This Morning Not A Good Mail Days no mail from you Last Letter I Got From you was 6 Days ago Now What it on a Boat Well matter is Lost in Miami To Nite. Mel Allen + Sailie Patrick are in Town To Day for a Broadcast From The General Worthington Hospital Some Special occasion. Time in at 4:30 It is Going To Be Good I Think. Well the Russians are Going To be in Warsaw in a Day or 2. Boy Those bossers are Going Thyra Stuff and in Normandy Now. Not Going So Bad. I See in This Morning Paper Where Jam Tellado's are Going a Football in The Pacific. So it want be Long. Now Not a Letter From Rose yesterday Lamont is Stationed in Puerto Rico For The Duration and he Likes it very much. Rusty Left Small quit The wire Co. and Fly Candidate To Art. in The infantry. You ought to See That Boy. He Looks ofly Bad and he is in a Daze all The Time. Poor Boy Time is Tough on Him Lost his Baby Passed away. So This is all For To Day no more news Love to Dad Mother + Sis

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Co. H. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 25
C/o Post Master.
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/29/44

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(Sender's complete address above)

Hello My Boy How are you I am OK. mother will be back Sunday I have Rosa and that old nigger in the Back of the House and cleand up the house double the floors when mother gets back she wont Recognize the house inside or out side. I got a letter from you Yesterday that you wrote the 14th of July. The first I a week now and Get my mail of I never miss writing every day regardless if I get mail from you or not and intend doing so. So Don't worry about me not writing you Every day; I am sure the Boys will be better when you Get Letter. I think you are on Leave and Right your being closer to Home starting to the Rear it is only 500 miles from Rent to Rest up and mend Wars, and you will have visit Home for sure. am I dreaming or is a Reality I Hope it is true. Well we had a Real Good Rain which sure make it very Cool, Everything is Holding up very Good, and Every body in Tuscaloosa is about the same! nothing New I Guess I got a Letter from mama she said she Heard from you, Lonnie She Write you I don't want to see that. She wants to come to see her

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San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: San Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
7/31/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy How are you well Mother got Letter came To Birmingham Yesterday They called me. Mother Ware Tired and She will Come in To Day; aunt minnie and Morris Came in yesterday Booger and his Friend came in To. We Had a Picnic at The Swing Pearl. They Had Some Food and Eat a nice Cool, Watermelon and We enjoyed it very much; Booger is being transferred To S. C. Somewhere; next Month. To he want be able To Come So often. How are you and we, well & Had a Good Day Saturday and Ware very Tired. Just Rose and me. I Couldnt Leave The Store For, minute To Day is very nice not To Hot Wee Had a nice Rain Saturday and Sunday and it Cooled Things down a Little Wee Sure Had a Hot Summer. I See where The Russians Landed in Rumia Thats German Lake and The First men To Step on German Soil Was a Jewish General; all Set Hitler Sure Apriciate That. Stalin Should not Let him Do it. its not nice. well I See Jap Fellows in The Pacific are getting Closer To The P.I. So Keep up your Good Work, and Mail it Keep and Write Soon, Take Care Of yourself.

Love

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My Dear: Say Hello. Well mother came in Last nite and she is The same Sweet Train a Pound. and is tired from The trip. Lottie Had a Wonderful Time and is sick as a Chicken! She Likes Miami very much! I Got a Card from you yesterday Lucette Shaw and other Just! Did you Get any Pics from us. I am afraid you won't Get it. it is a Shame all That Stuff was Lost. I Hope your Letter by now. and Like it Better! Why Don't you write a Card The Pictures you Took Lottie but I Don't See but one of your Self you know we are not interested in any Ladys Pictures but yours! and you Send us Pictures of Boys we Don't Even know. I Don't understand you, Things are The same here. a little cooler Business as usual. Went To Rayanons Last nite and Got 15dlls for my Time it hardly Paid me for my Time but it could be Worse. alex and Rigsby on Steel in Hot Springs I wish I could be There, I am Going To Talk To mother and See if She wants To Stay in The Store while I am away. I Just Got To Go away! I am not Feeling well, and Getting Fat. I weigh 210. now That's To much. I am Going To Get me a Suit. what do you Think about it Let me Know Love Dad

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REVISED V-MAIL

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TO:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M, 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31
C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/2/44
(Sender's complete address above)

Hoby, Hershey I received your ltr. I had a good dream about you. Well mother is fine and is the same as ever no different Lays the same things Eats the same Drinks the same. and even sleeps the same on the Edge of the Bed. Talks about miami how high Every thing is. Coffee Toast orange Juice. Seated in your Room for 2. 185 I am there the Girl signs it and the Girl order again She walked 8 blocks Every morning. When she got the same thing for 5¢ any Girl it. Well Letter had 3 Proposals While there and she would like to Accept all of them but mother and aunt Irene Haven't decided yet. which one to Take. I think it is going to be the one that have the Wholesale Grocery Business! he Don't be Surprised if he Joins the in the Dixie Doodle Caravan ment of a ingagement! no Don't Tell Eddie any thing about it. Wait until she tells you her Self. I Hope you are Get along OK Write often and tell me all about it Had a big day yesterday I am Sale 2,500 he I Don't Think I am Going to Hot Springs.

Love

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416627
Co. M, 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 33
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/3/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Boy Hard are your wee are o.k. but no letters Dram you is much. Hal we Call in Dam out fit his wife Dears Dram him very often but I am Glad Dave you write if you Could That's what worries me. I mean if that you Cant Write, well Every Thing is about the Same. Nap a Rotan Day wednesday is all ups Bad. Every body blames at 1 pm. the Fambly Dears Dearest but I stayed in the Store until 5 mother entertained me and a Playt Game Rummy With Dean and Last 115 to 9 would be Better of if Went Home. as I only Cald 105 all after noon no news hear I Read in the Paper They are going to Calaise up the Sandigoff air field They have been training at Dat of Branch Boys. That will hert. Tuscaloosa, at the university They Dont Have any Boys Hardly, now They need To Have 2000 Ladies but They are all Dame Fs Boys Have been Calaused hard for a Month he is in the Lumber Business now with his Bro. So that is about all the Dope for now Be Good Take Care of your Self and Write often Hope you are more Satisfied By now in your new Location So you Ever See arthur Lee, I Havent Seen his Wife in a Long Time all my Love

Dad

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TO:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20414697
Co. H, 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 38
C/o Post Master.
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank.
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/4/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My dear Boy yesterday was Sat & Letters I have you and Glad to hear from you I am going to send you the Tobacco to day I hate to do it as your not going The Boys were send you did you get any of them yet. Mollie Reeves was taken yesterday again How is it with you. Martha is feeling Better I had Letter is coming in to morrow So we will Decide if I am going up or not, I have a rotten impression of my Teeth yesterday Perhaps this one will Come out Better I hope I. Hope. I Wish you would keep writing often Like you used to. and use your Fine Writing I. Can read it Better though your Hand Writing is much Better than it used to be. you Remember The Doras you Say his Sons Wars For the Western union he Was in England and Made so Misions over Germany and Was Supposed to Come Home The 1st of August well He Got a wire That he Was missing in action. it is Trouble his Lady Had visited Every body To The Party They Were to have When he Gets Home! So Thats The Way it is Was never Found When we are Well Off. I am Glad you got Flying. Well it is near 9:10 am Rosa Aunt Come in. And O Harvey Had a Boy Summer yet. We are To Busie me, To Take Care of your Self and Write often. Tell all The Boys Hellow Love

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V-MAIL

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Sgt. Harold L. Rank, 20414427
Co. H. 167th Inf. A.P.O. 93
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Rank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/5/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My Dear Boy, This is Saturday morning it rained all nite and it keeps like it going to rain all day. So this is not to good for Saturday. I Hope my prediction is Wrong; mother is feeling Purty good Letter is Coming in To Day. With Scarlett Fever is all this week. I Hope it will Break up next week. mother wants me To go To Hot Springs and She wants for Uncle Joe To stay with her. So I am having To Call him up Tomorrow and if he Wants To do it I am going To make Reservations I Expect To stay in Hot Springs 10 Days and Then go To Ala a Week. I Hope he Comes. Anna and Nathan Want come here until Sept 15th Well I am Getting a Lot of Losers This morning. Tell me what your Statistic read, and How you like it. Now and Then Boy. That marvil Rich Girl is in Europe now but I Got a Letter from him the 1st in 6 Weeks he Says The Food is cheap Good There or you in The office now, Alex and Pizitz are Coming Home By Day; That means we will have a Good Game monday nite, one you Playing Checkers now. How about writing more often I Havent Gotten any Letters from you in 3 Days. I am Sure you can Write Every Day; If you Could Some of The Bull Sessions Up. For 15 minuts Every Evening. Night. Love

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C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/7/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy, Now are you fine I hope I had a dream about you last nite and you were in a fox hole and part your and you call me and said Daddy stay here and I will thank you now to Rise and Climb Steps from the Hill, and you take me a Rifle and say, Did we had a Good time we Killed him up Like a Pile of Logs, and yell to the boys I can't Get them, Let my Daddy thank you now, Well it was Good to Let and help you and but I Sat up, and Found my Self in Bed with my Pillow all over my Face, Boy was I Glad, To be in my own Bed, So I Hope you Getting Along OK, I Do wish you would Write more often, I know that you would but There is Something that holding you Back, is it a Fox hole, Tell me the Truth I Can Face it I Hope my Dream is just a Dream, but I am afraid its not, well Mother is OK, Lottie Was Here yesterday and left This morning, She is leaving Home and Stay in the Store with Mother While I am away, She don't Like to Do it but She is going to, I Hope She don't change her mind, Every thing is O/K, had a Good Day Saturday I Spoke to Pete Lanman Last nite he Said he was Going to be Right

HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOUR ADDRESS AT TOP?

V-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE RETURN ADDRESS ABOVE?

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Co. M, 167th, Inf. A.P.O. 81
C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/8/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

My dear Boy how are you I am good & Hope well it is going to be a beautiful day it have been very hot yesterday & last night I had to get up came in the army lockers to put a piece of my shirt and wash in front of the fan and I put on hot & almost fainted and lost a ball. went to the dentist again yesterday and he tore my mouth all up and make me look like Joe E. Brown and told me not to take them out until to day this morning when I took up my teeth were not in my mouth but on the floore by my bed, I went to Regency last nite and made $16.00 not bad, you know birthday Boy Thing about Capt Butler I wrote you about, he is in amistan now on duty he have is a nice fellow! Sam Seitz came in yesterday he looks good with all those decorations on. he is going to be here for 30 Days. I wonder how it feels to have your Boys here I would like any thing to find out. well I just have to wait and see. Please write me and tell me all about your new Demanding I got a new Secretary and he runs me crazy he wants to know about every thing and he is going to get the store Love Dad

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Tuscaloosa
Alabama

8/9/44
(Sender's complete address above)

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V-MAIL

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My Dear Son, Hard are you Every body here all OK, mama Said you Got mite you Had a Date and you Called her up and Told her To Have your Fuz Rugly Say Wase the Ugly until the Got up and Found out that it Was a Dream Well I Got my Ticket for Monday I am Leavin Saturday at 6:00 will Get to N. O. Sunday 2 P.M. Expect 2 Take 2 Berths and Go To St Louis See what I Can Find There Then to Chicago Louisville and Back Home! all in 3 weeks, I Got my Teeth and it is much Better now. Dr. Told me I must Sleep with Them this morning when I Got up it Was not in my mouth but on my Big Toe! I Called mother and Told her to Force them on my Toe. Did She Giggle it Just Tickled her! Well nothing much I Guess to Tell you. So you Tell me Same Thing I Got a Bundle of your Letters and Cards yesterday. So I Put the Date on it and Wrapped it up nicely and Sent it away. I Presume Right what you Wanted me To Do. Yes! now you write me and Let me Know if you Got any of the Boxes we Sent you! So I Can Send Some more! I am Saving all the Tapes on the Cans Ready I am Having a Lot of Trouble with my Car Lately

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C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

8/10/44
(Date)

My Boy How are you Good I Hope I Hear Bert Last nite he Looked Good and o.k. Was talking to him for Hours Came in and wanted Some Thing to Eat and Went Overseas! I Sure was Sick when I Woke up and Found out it Was only a Dream. Well How are you, When are you going to write me. I Told Dan I am Leaving Saturd nite Got a Letter From Lottie She want be able to Come in Saturday She Have a Date and Freda is Coming in and She wants me To Cancel my Reservation! but I am not Going to Do it I am Going! If I Have to Cause up! no news Every Thing is The Same Business is Better This week! and I Got Some nuts in The Last 10 Days, mother is The Same one Day She Feels Purty Good next Day She Can't, The Miami Trip Did not Do her any Good. She want to Go to any Ok and When She Come, She Can't Go What he Tells her to Do. you and Bert or The only one That Can Go her Good. Come Home and you will Make a Healthy Mother. How about it Are you Going To Do it. now I Have Done Want. Must Drop us a Line and That will Help a Lot Now my Secretary is not Here Yet So I will Have To Close Father Thinks Will be Long.

Love Dad

V ··– MAIL

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Co. H. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 81.
c/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sue Nash.
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa.
(Sender's address)
Alabama
8/11/44
(Date)

V-MAIL

My Dear Boy you don't know how happy I am I had of Letters from you yesterday and Glad your Getting The Letters now, will Send you a Package a week, it Hard to send what you want because we Dident Get the Return Slip To Get Every Thing but will. Send what we have, I Told you I Got a Package and 2 Cans. Of Something from Jean and I Ate Some Cookies in Not Expired and Send you one make and my Self. Julia Brat Good, of Course mother Has to Force Cal Peaches every morning Because Effy Castor Oil That it is Good for you She Forces one This morning and Wanted me To Force one to and I Could not Cause her That I Dont need it and That it not Good for you and She Said if it were not Good She would not Force it and She Said Sure at me she Been Forcin it For 15 years, So I Said Dont Tell That to Nobody Because They never Will Let Go Another Day Right, well I do Love Hate to Close This Business. I Know I Said Every mother, and be all Ever If She Has any Business, but When you Get To Be your just Hate to Do That all, well no need I know of just Keep on Writing I Dident Know Jean Was Sick Poor Little Thing and you Who The Other One Is Sure Love Ya Dad. Bye Bye

V-MAIL

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Co.M. 167th.Inf. A.P.O. 31
C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

8/12/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy Hard are Hard & Hope Well I am All Packed and Ready To Go. To morrow about 2.30 Pm. I will be in Hot Springs I Sure Hate To Leave Mother Here She Will be a Nervis Wreck. Jean Cant Go. She Thinks Every body wants To Camp, but I told her. She Cant Have To worry Over I Classes and Take it Easy! and Not To Get Tickets But Jean Knows Each Mother. That is the only Reason I Hate To be away! but I Must To Go, and Help Thing it Would be nice Hard. Well Will Are Sending you a Box To day We Have To Get Burgers From Every body in Town Was Nothing Else any! but Will Send all We Can I Just Hope You Get Every Thing and Hay Arrives To Hand Hard The Salamis Sat There. Be Sure and Let me Know Just as Soon as You Get it. Nothing New and Dont Worry About Banks. You Carry Ball and I will Take Your Part of Banks and Something Better than Hands I will Sure Jean Will Remiss it. Pays Better Dividend. So Dont Worry about Money or Banks. What I Have is yours! I Dident Get any Bonds From You Lately. What Do You Be Have You Stacked it or not! Let Me Know. Well I am Getting Some Cootamers So be Good and [redacted] Take Care Of Your Self

V ···– MAIL

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Co.M. 167th.Inf. A.P.O. 31
C/o Post Master
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

8/16/44
(Date)

CENSOR'S STAMP

Hello Hay Hay Hows are you I am O.K. Just got in town with Bobbie and Margie and my Ray Friend Gave me a good Rubin and I'm Hungry I am going out for Lunch with Abe Cohen and Manuel Rich I hope we get a Good Meal. The Restaurants are very high any kind of dessert meal is 150 to 200 and I don't enjoy Eating them! Well The Town is full of Soldiers I told you they took all the Large Hotels and Rooms at a Premium I was offered 10$ for my Room yesterday! I Think I am going to take 10 baths and go to St Louis Leu. what I can get there and from there to Chicago. I haven't herd from Mother yet, Played Poker Last Nite and Lost 1100 Bucks So will try to make up to nite. You See Not a Thing to do all Evening! I am Tired a Real Rest. I wish Mother was here it would do her good I am having a Lot of Fun going to the auditorium Tales Mexican Dinners and that Cost 10 to 12 for 1100 to 2800 Cash. Race. all the Liquors Have Rhum Rhum, went Thru all the 5 & 10 Stores and Pawn Shops Yesterday and didn't get a Thing where a Nice 350.00 for 10 Saddles he wanted $400.00 and I didn't get it I might get it to Day, Well Hay Take

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From San Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa
(Sender's address)
Alabama

8/17/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy. I Received Your Letter and Was Glad To Hear From You. Mother is Expected To Send Me Your Letters I am Sorry But I am very Weak. I Told The Boys This Morning To Take it Easy. I am Going out To Eat and Sleep and Maybe Play Some Ball But No Least, I walk about 10 miles a Day on The Mountains, I Feel Like a Dirty Dog. I Pain in a Chip Boarding House From The Grease The Rats me in. When I First Got Here The Perspiration That Came out of me Made Yeast. now it is White Just Like Water Having a hard time Eating The Food is Like But To Note Well or Going To have a Real meal I am The Cook Some People That Have a Kitchen will ask me To make Some Italian Spagetti and Fryd Chicken The Hot Every Thing Ready and I am Going To Fix it This Morning. I Hope it Comes out Good or I am Going To Lose my Reputation. I am Going To Bake Mother This Evening. She Forget The Prices of Fruit Jars. I Put up a Large Lot Pears but The Canning Fruit it was Fer a Long Time Left. and Never

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San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama
8/15/44
(Date)

CENSOR'S STAMP

My Dear Pearl I just got time with my bath and feel great. The niger maide it so hot and I almost fainted. I had to call for help, I feel better now and my friend gave me a good rubing and now I feel hungry so I am going a walk for about 10 blocks and eat lunch. Walk to the Hotel and have a nap yesterday I have a nap for 4 hours. To nite I am invited to a Boxing game and a Wrestling match I have not decided where to go. Where do you think I should go. I must abe taken from Afham yesterday and were walked all over this Town, untill 12 midnite and then to sleep I am taken it easy. I cost 10.00 from the 2 Baths. That I have taken so far. I have I can loose 25 more lbs. I am having trouble finding a good place to eat. The restaurants are terrible you cant get a meal for less then 1.25 to 2.50 and it is offen no help and you can sit 4 minuts before they take your and half of the thing on the menu they havent got all the finish dining Rooms are closed for the Summer. To day the Government took over 3 of the largest Hotels for Officers and Rooms are worth a Fortune! I am lucky I got a nice Room for 20.00 a week Well I have to close. ... all my Love Sam.

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FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
8/25/44
(Sender's complete address above)

Hallo Hershey How are you & Debut Write you yesterday. Bronce awoke in St Louis and Busy all day. Got there 7 a.m. and Left 4.30 pm Got in to Chicago 9 pm. Found Every body ok. My Sister Minnie Boy is here For 7 Days he is Stationed in N. J. It sure Was a Surprise to me. I Found him here! a nice kid. only 22 in the air Corp. Well I Debut Find much in St Louis just 4 Saddles. Betty's Paid 139.00 For the 4. Real Tex Saddles! Found some Bats in Little Rock. and, I mail Those Back! Well I Hope I will be able To Find Something in Chicago Roby is Going in Sunday For 3 Days. So I will Den a Lot of the Family, while I am Here! Rosen Told me That Grandma Had a Letter From you yesterday! Well at Springs Some me a Lot of Goods, but it Was very Lonesome! Next Time I Go There I am Taking Mother with me. I Havent heard From Mother in 4 Days. Stella Got 4 Letters For me but She is a Sleep yet and I Debut Let them get. I am Going over To See Mamie after While Hope your Feeden is Better. Take Care of your Self my Boy it Looks Like The Show will be over Soon and I want you Back in Good Shape as I Have a Big Job For you! Love Dad

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San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
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Alabama
8/22/44
(Sender's complete address above)

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Dear Boy How are Yaw Good & Hope. I am OK. Taken a Good Rest and Having a Good Time with The Folks! Swoosie! I Had Dinner Last Nite With the Walkers and Said Hello to Them Was Went out For a Ride and Then Came To the Park it is nearly 9 PM Just Got up, and Going Back is a Step. it is Raining out and Cold. I will I Had my P. Coat. Weeon Expect Pal Home To Day! I Was Going To Cook a nice Lamb For Dinner, But Sam my Bro Am and all of us. are Going To Have Dinner To Eater To Morrow morning, will Take my Purchasing at Sut. (Bill) and Go To Town See what I Can Find Sis is a Big Boy now! Bill is working working Sis is work. and Getting a nice Allotment From her Husband! and is Getting Lots Pretty Soon, only Two Home! but Bill & Harry Have! her a Nice Bottle Plenty! So That is the Way with the War Bonds! Got a Letter From Lottie yesterday and Every Thing at Home is Pretty Good. Grannie Mother Here Plenty Help. annie Nathan Sol Lottie! So She is a Big Shot! They Say Business is Good and I Can Stay as Long as I Want To So I Think I will Leave Here next Sunday For Louisville Ky. and Get Home about Wednesday! and Back Toward I am not Going To Buy Much Now! as it Looks Like The War will be over with Germany in the next 30 Days! So we will be Getting Ready To Go To San Francisco To next year. + Sept. Now about it. all my Love Pal

Regards From The

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From
Sam Bank,
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Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

8/29/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy I Nades been unable to write Yesterday were busy went to Town early and enhearsed Some rubs! Going again To Day Expect To be in Tuscaloosa for Saturday rube is very Severes here! Not Hot Not much. Will stop in Louisville For a Day I am Tired again it wears me out To work in Chicago without a Bar. Baby Didnt come in This guess Wally is coming in To rite from his Fishin Trip and bring a Lot of Fish Well I Nadent Seen much of Chicago Just Hanging around The Hotel and Shootin The Bull Harry To me To Go Thy Center Last nite! He is just Like a Brother you See him once and it's The Same Thing allways I Sent You Some Checks I Hope you Get it no Bill Ricycle in town and you Cant Credit in Town! albert minnies Boy is Still here a Fine Boy Sick Didnt Know That he is a Good Roper and Roatter and his wife Going To Show him Ropes! Boy Did he Bounce Sick Now and Feel him up in mate! Harry is not Going To Good Financially after him Same money as a Loan but he will not Take it. He Says he Can make it I Dont Know if Steady Job any insurance or not but I am Certain That They Didnt Get any yet! Will Take Care of your Letter Soon Love from all. Sal

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8/30/44
(Date)

Hello my boy. How are you well I am still here Leading To write for Lawsie Ille I had a Good Rest. Got your Letter From Lottie This morning about the 60.00 for Nath will send his mother a Check. Lawsie is Get Home! and Eglaine it to her. Do Dont worry about That! The Bank Want To Let me Draw on your Saving account! The Lawyer of attorney's Wesley Record it so you will Have To write To The Bank and Tell Them it Dont me draw on your account If you want to anyway! but you Should Know That you Cant Draw Checks on Saving accounts. and That would Save you The imbarisment! You Can you allways Tell me how To do Things Right. best You do it up like Dandy So dont Let it Happen again. if you need any money Let me Know. Because I am Lonely With it. Wally came Home From his Fishin Trip Last night and Boy he had a Box with 55 of The Prettiest Fish I Have Ever Seen Do Wee Lbund 6 and Kerry Lbound Three and Wee Really Had Some Fish Dinner Wally is Still Glamm Them he will be Fun To Nite. I Expect To be Home Saturday! This is The Best Rest I had in years! Dan Should be a Good Line men When you Get Back From all The Effort you Have Put in Wee up The Line Once you Get Back Rest Regularly Love Dad!
Every body Here

V - MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPT. PENALTY NO. 15

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To
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

9/5/44

My Dear Son I was so sorry and am The Road. I have Chicago To Kansas City St Louis Louisville and Nash Name I Did not have a Chance To Write. I Found Everything at Home O.K. and Believe me Glad To Get Back Home! Will Mother Got A Good Job. but She Was Worn out and +Nathan or a Grate Help To her. I Sent a 60.00 Check To N.Y. my Personal, I Sent me Some More Good If you want To That is the only way. and Then I Sent Them! They will Let me have it To Forget about It all. I wrote you and Told You That we Can't Find Your Fourten Pen you must of Put it away Some where Your Self; I Told You To ask for Lawrence in Every Letter but on the Nathan Letters. Please Send me Some Food! on Every Letter! You understand, I Hope So. . . I Purchased a Lot of Juice on my Trip I Hope it will Move If it Don't it will be To Bad Tommy will Surender in the next 10 Days! So Juice will Take a Drop. I Don't Give This So. but I Don't Care If the War Stops To Morrow and I have To Loose! I am Stock That's the

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San Francisco, Calif.

From
Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa,
(Sender's address)
Alabama

9/3/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy How are you Good & Hope I Received The Pictures yesterday and all I can See is The Rear End only Thing Visible Can't you Send Some Good Pictures Yes I can See your mushtash to. They look Cute! Every body here is O.K. Mrs Herman Lewis Bermans mother from Birmingham Passed away yesterday! To Bad a Good Wagman! Well mother is Still Shacks The Book with aunt anna; mattie & see not Said a Word Yet. The way Things Look he Won't Die for a while She Won't Let him, Well Had a Good Day yesterday; Lottie Helps me in The Store! but She is not Satisfied in Tuscaloosa I Don't Know what She is Going to Do! She is not Satisfied at all! She Likes To Go To Miami and Get a Job I am not in Favor of it! what do you Think about it Let me Know what you want for Xmas Well believe it or not but we Boys are on German Soyle it Won't be Long! and Finland Signed a Peace Treaty with Russia. So Things Look Purty Good if you Boys can Clean up Thome Reps in The P.S. Every Thing would be O.K. and if you need more Help you will get it Soon; and oh yes Will The Boys Get it They will be Sorry they Ever Started it. They won't [illegible] Bar any more Love Dad

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Co. M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31
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San Francisco, Calif.

From Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa
(Sender's address)
Alabama

9/9/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy Have are you I Got 3 Letters from you yesterday and Glad to hear from you. Sent you a box yesterday Will Send more next week. There are a Lot of things we Can't get to Who Send you that we Can but Keep on asking for Things in Every Letter! Well we are having a Lot of fun at the house with aunt anna She Can't Let mother Think or any thing and Keeps on Fighin until 1100 P.M. Every nite. mother is a Diffrent Woaman now, I wish She would Stay here until you Boys Get Back; it would be a God blessing if She Did! Well Letter is keeping me out in the Store a Grate Deal, but I Know She is not Satisfied, So Let her Stay a While and when She Gets Tired She Can always Go Back to Birmingham. mother is Much Happier When She is here! Well Business is Fine I Got a Lot more on my Trip. mother Dont Like what you told me about not to Pay any attention to her about Getting more Mail She Says your just Like your Dady! in This Particular matter! So you See This what you Get for Expressing your opinion about ones Relatives! So This Should be your Last Warn in your Letters and Take Care of Your Self and Write after Have Every all Love from Dad,

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9/11/44
(Date)

My Dear Boy well This is monday and it is Rainin & Stayd in The house all day yesterday minnie morris Rogers and Maggie Carey over yesterday. and were had a Good Time Shootin The Goal, I am Sorry you Cant keep a Girl my Boy, but Dont Let That Worry you when you Come Back you Can Get any Girl you Want The Trolle with you is you Let The Girls The edia of marriage Then The my Boy That Comes along Dont Have any Trable at all, So Take it Easy! you just Come Back and all mony you Can Come Nice Girl and Fix you up a nice Home, any Girl will be Proud To Have in it no news. That I Know of. The Carney Boys. Were Found Dead! To Bad Luck a Fine Boys, Well about The Time you Get This Letter it will be Rosh Hashona So I wish you a very Happy and wish New Year! be Shure and Go To Services on The High Holladays. you Can Rest assured That we will all Remember you in our Prayers, So Take Care of Yourself and Dont Let any more Japs Get in Camp Send me The Head of one and I want To Put it in The window Love Dad,

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(Sender's address)
Alabama.
9/12/44
(Date)

Hello Horsh'ey. How are you Good? Wish Arthure Lee Wife showed me some Pictures a while ago. and They were nice. why cant you Face some That Way Can tell what and who it is mother and nathan are going To Take Birmingham. Jan 2 Days Later Was Suppose To Go. but Rosa Sight Come To Say. So She Cant Go. and Believe you me She is Not. Well Business is Holding up very nicely I Got Plenty of mail, To do it with but I Have No Help; So I am Just Taken it Easy; The Store Looks Like a mess. but I Cant Fix it up on acant of Help; I am Sending you a Paper To Day; Wish Cant Send Every Thing you ask For. but Wish are Going The Best Wish Can, be Sure and ask For Something in Every Letter I been Telling you That all The Time but you Dont Do it and Wish Requests I Can not Send you any Thing To write an Matter of Letter and ask For Some Thing; now I am not Going To Remind you of it no more. Right; now Take Care of your Self and be Careful; Send me a Kiss; By Express Every Body Send Best Regards To you and all The Boys. Love Dad

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FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
9/13/44
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Hello Hershy Howdy morning to you. Hope you are OK. Every thing is OK, Dear, mama math and Ann are in Anyhow. For a Full Lesbian Had a Good Business yesterday but no help The Selling, but I need Some one to fix The Stock up, and I Cant get any one! nothing new I know of. Have to pay The Last Payment on my insure. Cant to pay no I Cant get The Bonds every month you Better Write a Letter about it, I Cant Know any Thing about it and I am Having Rhuty Trouble to attend to my outer Business, So you understand what I mean. Every body is Preparing hear for The Celebration of victory! which I Hope Wont be Long now! we or in Truman Territory now! it is Liable to Happen any Time now! Boy what a Celebration That will be it is now 9:30 a.m. and I am alone in The Store! Had to Stope 6 Times and White on a Customer! ah yes. N+W, Bring Store Fixtures and Counter all Sold out! and it is under new Management now! Jimy Harrison got The Central Bring Store Prices market are up to Collect To hear from you Friendship! and Take Care Love Sam!

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San Francisco, Calif

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
9/14/45
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy it now 8:15 a.m. just me in the store! Mattie is coming 12:00 to mile I got your august 30th all. Read yesterday I herd on the Radio last nite that they will let the Prisoners send home a 10 letter cable in the next 30 days! I hope you will have sent one before that time and it sure see you will. Every nights Daddy sings yesterday. So did mr. Bayt! the old men his can just set elected the the board of Reserve! that the Latest! I send you a nice Dagger yesterday see if you can tell Name of them for 400 dollars Paid for when ordered! did you get the Tobacco I sent you! write home news all the letters you write have the same thing about sleep + Living! isn't there any thing Ells going on! on the Farm! island! Had a long Letter from Emanuel he said he is going to write you did he! I think you or n[illegible] write about Letter She have nothing To Do, in Tuscaloosa aha! I Reckon Sorry for her! I think She will stay a while and go back To Birmingham! but She Wants To Go To Miami! and I dont like that what do you think about it! Let me know Dad

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Co.M. 167th. Inf. A.P.O. 31.
C/o Post Master.
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
of
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

2/29/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy a Happy new year to you Well we went to Birmingham for xmas and had a Good Time my Self and Stayd at a Hotel Mother and anna Stayd at Dees. house Lottie Stayd with Some Friends I Came Home Last nite The Rest of Them are Coming to nite. Every Thing went of very nice. but it cost me 100.00 Russ mother Sat very Liberal, I Let her Have a Good Time, I See in The Paper This morning where you and Gen. Rerson are making marstin. I wish you all The Luck in The World I am Praying for you Luxes. Please Take Care of your Self and Keep your eyes open and Let The Germans Rule over you. Hit and Hit Hard and for Get about The Rules, you Have to Kill and Destroy. Show no mercy or Sympathy. Do your Job and Come Home. I need you. Every Thing Here is as usual we all Pray for your Victory. Business is Good but no Help Rosa Debut Came for 2 weeks Dat a Day for 15 minuts in The morning and 30 minuts in The Evening. This Rest of The Time I am alone. How about a 100.00 Xmas present. Let me know

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San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
9/20/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Ray Good yertup and I mean it Shall be Good! Well mother Got Back yesterday! Letter went to Montgomery With Freeda! and Nathan and Anna. Stayd in Birmingham To Go To a Funerals Mrase Dawsey Passed away yesterday! Jan Knowd him From The Birmingham Barbers Where Co. Had a Rent Strike. To Bad, he Had So much To Live For! but you See Some Guys Cant Take it They Kill Them Self More Guys Cant Take it and Dont Take Care of Them Self Right, and Dont Take Care of Them Self When I Feel Bad, I Close I wouldnt Go That! When I Feel Bad, I Close up. And Take Care of Sam Hand! Right Well nothing Out of much interest Every body is Getting Ready For The Victory Celebration your B.D. is Getting a Lot of Write ups in The Paper about The new Drive on Morale I Pray and Hope That it is a Success. Have not herd From you in 4 Days. I Know you ar Bussy, but Try and Drope a Line Will you! I am alone in The House Rosa Hasent Come Back yet, but I am Taken it Easy all right. Dy From Heart Attacks ar High Blood Pressure, No. I am To Cool For That. The only Trouble with my Blood Pressure Guys, Is When I See a Wrest Lazie God!

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FROM
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Tuscaloosa
Alabama
9/21/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Dear Hal are you sure. mother is sure anna + nathan came in last nite Lillie is in montgomery yet, not much news. Just what I see in the Paper. Got a nice letter from you; the 14th long letter in a long time Written on the 9/3/44 it is going to be a Proposition Getting Things for you, it Takes so many Points and were Warent any, Hal are the Ricans coming in. I got a letter from N. Wengel Sucho St Louis mo. he sent you 2 Water Containers + no charge, so when you Get it be sure and drop him a line I Think it ware very nice of them. mother made and a will yesterday and left every Thing to you Children and one dollar for me. She says. thats Plenty for me. and it is more Then I had when I started the army store. What do you think of that, I Did That to Protect you Children. in case any Thing Happens to mother, you Cant never Take Beverly + Roger home in yesterday school is starting Tomaro. nothing new on Still all alone in the store. no help. and I Cant intend to Pay $500 Or more any body, I Cant afford, and I mean it. So Take Care of you Self. and Write often Love Lady Sweet Love

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C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
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Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
9/22/43

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Hello my Boy how are you Good I Hope Well if Have been So for the Last 2 Weeks it is terrible Last nite I Dreamd you Came Home, Boy was I Glad To See you mother Didnt Recognize you. and She was Mad at You because you Didnt Bring Bert with you. So you will have To Go back and Bring him. How about it. Letter is in many ways Dear I Hope She is Having a Good Time and Comes Back for Saturday, I Sure Need her, yesterday was a Rotten Day up to 10 a.m. Then I Sold 80¢ about 4.30 P.m. I Sold 3 men $28.00 and Same more Small Sales. So it made a Pretty Good ave after all. I Getting my Pains in my Shoulder again, So all Have to Do is Not Sleep again, mother is Feelin about The Same, no rents in Tuscaloosa esabor Right is Home now for The Holy Days. Just heard on The Radio They Sank manila a Good Size 17 warships Sunk 26 Damaged and 205 aircrafts Bagged. That was a Bad Days Work, I up it up and it Want be Long. and The Boys in Germany are Going a Very Good Job. 100,000 Germans are Trapped in The Reich, I Hope They Kill them all and Let a Rats. Hang Louie and Lots

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San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
9/23/44
(Sender's complete address above)

Hello Hershey Hand are yaw; Every body Here is O.K. Except nathan he have a Cold and anna kept him in Bed. all day yest Today and Gave him some medicine. Lottie Wale Supposed To Come Home yesterday and She is not Here yet. and I need her Really To Day; but Thats The Way Children Do yaw. Just Love Children! Well I Had To Stope and waite on a Costomer yaw know That is very important Some Times! I Sold him 1 Br Lines 750 2 Hame Strips 120 1 Collar 395. 15 Spans 29¢ That Wase my Start This morning; Mother is not Hear yet, She will be Here about 10 or 1822 I Hope, it is Some Cooler This morning. Hay it Have Wase Not Far The Last 3 Weeks. I Cudent Hear From yaw in 5 Days! So am Hoping To Get a Letter To Day; ar yaw Working Hard. Lately I am Sure yaw Do. Every body is. Working Hard! Well I just Sat in 25 Times (army Lovers) I Play 25 Every Week. Last 2 ½ Sell 450 + 50 from Peter Thene From July The 14 Hand I Cant Remand What To Say Else. Clayd Holt Last Nite and Beat Them 25 To 14. a very Hard Game at First it Cam in on The Rabit Foot. all my Love

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank,
Tuscaloosa,
Alabama
10/3/44
(Sender's complete address above)

Hello my Boy How are you Good I hope I Got 3 Letters from you. You wrote on The Boat, I now you were on The Boat and where you Going I hope you made it O/K and will be very careful. Every Thing home is O/K. Letter just Came Back from Montgomery She Stayd There 5 Days. anna & nathan Left for new yourk Sunday mother will miss Them a Lot. I Cant Get any Cigars of any Kind Especialy The Kind you want They quit making them during The Bible War. When have you Started Smoking Cigars? no news from Bert yet. Hope to Get a Wire from him Soon. I Have No one in The Store Helping me. ofcourse Letter is Supose To but. auschtiger Eng. my Self and mother Waited Like Slaves Saturday We Sold 35200 all my ownself, I am very much Disapointed. I just Cant work Like I used To. yesterday I Went down To Pick up a Bundle and I Could not Get up! The Store is a mess. Every Thing Piled up. Like a Junk Shop. ofcourse I Can find Things but Mother Cant. So Take Care of your Self my Boy, and Lots of Luck To Sam Sale

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

10/4/44
Date

My Dear Boy Hows are you I Hope O.K. Sam Espin just Walked in he is Looking O.K. he is Going O.Sea Soon as he Gets back to Camp. you know he is 40 miles. from Salisbury and he Has been There many Times I Have him Some names to Call, Well nothing new. Business is Rotten This week The are Six in The Street and no one Can Drive on Greensboro are up To 8 The Lot So That means it Suck. and it is very Hot For This time of The year, I Like Cant Have any Help and The Store Looks Like a Junk Shop, I Just Cant Get any Help. The Price Can not Matter, I am very much Disatisfied with Conditions I Still Think I Should Sell out, I Can't Kill my Self Worring. What Do you Will it Do me, When you Come Back I Can Start Something Else. You Can't Have to Worry about Jobs. I'll be able to Give You Something to Do, I have Some Ideas what do you Say, I Heard you are very busy now I am Worried, I Hope you Keep Good Luck, Take Care of your Self and Write as often as Possible, it Want be Long now, Shirly Martin Has a Little Girl now 2 Days old. and Doctor Time. Sam Christian Train M. Port is Home now For Good Love Dad

V-MAIL

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

10/6/44
Date

My Dear Boy Hard are Dam. Good & Kept
a Parent heart from you This week but
I know why, I know where you are and
you Can't write from Fox Hole. and The
Jungle. I know your Catchin it Hard, but
it Won't be Long, and you will have
That extra Clear of Japs, and Get Letter
again. I am Praying for all of you Boys
Every Day, and to Close Every Body in Prise
Book. from The Papers you Division is Doing
O.K. Busines is Very Dull This week, it is very
Hot. and The Street is Roped off. from 4th to
8. on Dresshars ave, They are Paving it So
That makes Things Slow To, but I am not
Worried about Business. Mother and Lattie
are O.K. ofcourse Lattie is very Lonesome
staying Home Every Nite no Place To go.
and Mother is Worried about it. To. it is Lonely
at The House now That anna and Nathan
are Going, not much News Hear The
World Lives is Going on in St Louis but
I am not Excited about it because Every
body Ills is. Please Write Soon I am anxius
To Know how you Going in Manatai Since
The 15th of Sept. The Last you wrote
Was on 13th from a Road, and you didn't
Know Where you Where Going but a Big To Dam
See I am Keeping up Whit you Love
Dad.

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

10/11/44

My Dear Boy I hope your O.K. I Sure hear from you in a long time I Pray Every Thing is O.K. With you. Every Thing Home is O/K, Mother is about The Same Letter Went To Birmingham Saturday Evening and yesterday We Got a Letter from her She is in mantgo With Freda. and Expects To be Home Tomorrow Saturday and I need her in The Store To Bad, but She is Like The Rest of My Children just Don't think of us, Mother and my Self Come Mars in The Store all Day We Don't Get Tired If we Set We want To get off Our Feet Ends. To I Wish Thing would make a Change. and Get To normal Life again Don't you. We're I Know That you are Catchin it now. So Take it Like a Man. Things Look Pretty Good now and I think it want be Long now. No mail in Tuscs. Every body is about The Same Except Some old Dead I Passing away and Some babys born Every where. So you See Barnum + Bailey Was Rite! We have a Carnival in Town This week. and Many Showers with The Wheel. They Haven't Got a Dime, it is very Cold at Nite now. So it Leaves Less They Want Make any Thing when They Leave. I Don't you were Near They could make Lots more. But one in The army now. Rite all The Chevers

V-MAIL

Always Love
Dad

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10/12/44
Date

My Boy. How are you. I Hope you have written in the Last Few Days. as it is a awful strain. as I Heard what Hard Luck you Remember when you Played Foot Ball against Roseman and Received the Ball on the 3. Yard Line from a Kick and that Big Boy that Played against you. Every Time he hit you. I felt a Pain in my Stomach. Well that is the way I feel now Last write you where before me all write and my Stomach was hurting I So Hope that you will not be hurting. Well it is very Cool now I Had to use Blue Last write. I Haven't any Coal since the Last write. I Received a Card from Charles I Got a Cramic of a Load This Week. I Hope I Get it. Lottie is Still in Mon Tgomery Having a Good Time I Hope I Got a old Mule to help me in the Farm he is so dumb. it is Pitiful. but I Got to Keep him you Can't Get any Thing Better now Will I Had to Hope and Make a Stale. and Now I Forgot What I wanted To Tell you. Everyness is Having up Well. but I am Killing my Self Working. I Can't Forget Like I used To I Guess I am Getting old. I am Glad it is not a Disgrace. Dr Pepper Just Came in and Sends his Best Regards and To Dear Every Body Ella Reese Rosenfield and your a nice Hard worked Young Lady

Love Dad

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry,
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

From
/sam Bank
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

10/13/44
Date

My Dear Bay I feel Better To Day was me Calleabll ake Last nite and Told me That She Got a Letter from Hal. yesterday. So I Expect one from you To Day and I Hope I Get it. he Said you Sit up a nite Camp on the new asleut you moved To. So Please Tell me all about it. Every Thing is OK. hear. Buseus Have Rice & up Cride it Found Cool. and I am Shure it will Pick up. Some more. I Knowd I misspeld The word x above. but it ware To Late To Correct it. Lattie is in montgomery yet. I Hope She comes in To Day. I met her in The Store Elbert and Rose his wife were hear yesterday. They are moving To Cal. near L. A. and he is Driving Truck. he Sure mad Good with his Radio Buseu he is with The Government. She Sends his Regards I am having Trouble with my Shoulder again I Cant Raise my arm To Comb my Hair I Do wish I Could Go Back To Hot Springs For 3 weeks. again but no use Talking about it Will Have To wait until Jan. 1945. I Havent been able To use my Teeth So I Keep Them in The Drawer I Hope They Wont Get Rusty. I am Going on. without Them. Well Take Care of your Self Sing and Do The Best of it Just So you Get Back Safe and well and Bring Rest Back Home with you will be Happy again all my Love Dad

V-MAIL

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
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411 GREENSBORO AVENUE
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Oct 16, 1944

Harold,

You'll have to have someone sign this in your presence - We just received your V-mail 9 ~~Oct~~ Sept 19, 20 - Glad to hear from you - I just looked on a map and you are only about 150 miles from Bert - Will write more tomorrow -

Love

Lottie

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10/16/44
Date

My Dear Boy. Thank God yesterday I received 2 Letters from you Boy it was a relief I am Glad your O.K. I Hope you like your new Place Lottie came Hope yesterday and I was Glad To See her. I used it for in The Store and Had a Big Day. Christmas, not Real. Ch. I am Keeping your "2000" War Bond Tomorrow for your Xmas. Present, Did you Ever Get The Big Knife. I Send you. How about Sending me some Fish it is Hard To Get here. We are having a nice Lamb Roast for Dinner To Day. I wish you were here. To Help us out. I just Got Back From the Store Had a Rush. Game and Made 1.35 Net. Write me about The Trip it took you about 10 or 12 Days To make it Didn't it. Why or you So anxious for me To Record That Paper. Let me Know.... nothing new in Town That I Know of. Ruth with From Rigsby Shoe Dept. is in The Hospital Some Stomach Trouble. I Think I heard That Lum Had a Baby Boy. measles! Well I don't Know what Ells To Tell you all Now yesterday 54 To 0 Drew millrap. Town rather Dead Tuscaloosa High Beat Hale 14 To 13. Friday! The Bat Beat Taylor Watkins Last Wednesday note in Times. Lottie just washed her Head. and Talmide or Not it need it! I am going To Bette Davis in Now. Steffenglass. This Letter it is very Good I just asked Mother To Let her wash her Head and Says no. it don't need it. I agree with her! Please Take Care

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My Dear Boy I Got your 2 Letters yesterday and very Glad To hear From you. Same Experience you are having I Hope and Pray you Take Care of your Self and make it O.K. According To the map, you only about 250 miles From Bert. Be Watch your Step and be Sure That you The First To Get To Bert. Well Nick Falanto's Got ward That his Boy Got Bert. and is in a Hospital In Southern any Thing about it Let me Knowd all Britecutors. what do you mean By Saying That you just Got news That The Allies will Soon Give in! Didn't you mean The Axis! The Germans or Catchim Kelt we are Fighting an German Sadie Hawk on all Sides! Well it is Cool This morning went To a P.T. meeting Last nite and Rabe Draftman From Bigham made a Talk, and he Was Wonderful I Like To Get Some of Those Nice apples. all Bet They are very Good. Eh. wee Sent you 2 Boxes yesterday Want be able To Send any more until we Get a Request For Same! I Wonnd you Sent That 2 months ago! So it up To you my Boy if you want any more Boxes, you will Have To Ask For it. Love Dad

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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Sender's address)

10/18/44
Date

My Dear Bay it is now 9 a.m. and Every Thing is Well. Dr Bark Told me yesterday That Bill Deal is in your Co. now and he Found out That You were There and he's coming over To See you The Day he wrote That Letter to & Take it That you Have Seen him! I Hope Every Thing is Running O.K. here Last nite I Got Ready To Go To Bed about 8 P.M. and The Tel. Rang. Pigsity Was Lonesome and he wanted a Poker Game! So I Dressed Like a Toad and went To the Game! Lo? Lost $22 So you want me To Send The Rest To you. I Put it in The Mail. Say you 2 Grand! I Hope you Will make Good use of it Dear. Lottie is Home and very much Disatisfied Mother is Worried about her. She Wants To Go To Miami and Get a Job. but That is To Far away! So We Don't Know What To Do. it is a Problem. I Hope your Ar. Detachment O.K. Please Let me Know about That Talented Bay! and all about That Warsaw and How many Laps you Knock off! How about Sending me a Picture of Laps and Pat Rhett Together in it So it will Like The Laps Love! Well I Hope That Every Thing is Going O.K. With all of you. So Take Care of your Self and Dont Get So Hurt. all my Love Dad

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My Dear Boy. Hello. Well Last nite at 1700 it was announced by mc arthur that he have Landed on the P.I. Island to Leyte. 75 miles from Cebu Bay. Thats fine! Thats Central the P.I. in 2. you know Nevskey it Faces Brutality and Ruthless to make a. Good Soldier but I dont think you have a Right to use that. on your Sister the nurse telling her. That her Letters Have you. I dont approve of it. you could of told her to Write you about Same Thing Ills. That was not to. But. after all She dont have to Write to you. at all. and Run around Tryin Makes for. you. and you Showing your appreciation insulting. her Time mail! Thats Sabotage! now Lew. Persons is in Birmingham now Let me know what was the trouble Betw in you 2. mother were Lie Last nite and Had to Take Some Benzedrine! Havent you Got a Chaplin in your Co. well ala is Playing Penn Saturday in Birmingham and it Looks Like we are going to Loose By 4 Touchdowns! Let me know if you Got the Knife I Sent you and Let us know what Makes your Ketring. I Sent 100 for that Lighter to Let me know when you Get it did you Lee Bill Dent yet. Every Thing is as usual The Germans are Still Fighting but it wont be Long Let me know where you are at now. all my Love. Dad

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APO 71, c/o Postmaster,
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From
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Sender's name
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Sender's address

10/29/44
Date

My Dear Boy The most important Thing I Can Get To Tell you. Dr Tarry is in The navy now Some where in The Pacific and his Ship Struck a Jap. Ship on The 21 of Sept. and They Picked up Some of The Japs from The Rafts. among Those were one american Prisoners from Luzon and he Told Dr. Tarry That he Left Bert in Luzon on The 2nd of Sept. in Perfect Good Health and not to worry about him. So was Tarry Came in To See me yesterday and Showed me The Letter. So I Think it is The Best news yet. Well Take Care of your Self and write often.

all my Love
and Dont write any more until Letters to Lottie
Dad

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Hey, Dear Boy. The mud is Good. in the Pacific and arthurs is a queen of his word. he Did Land in the P.I. now it is up to you to find Bert. as you will be mooching in to Mindanao in the next 10 Days. So all you want to do When you Get There is Look for Bert orders or no orders. I Hope you on. Getting along O.K. and Take it Easy and Watch your Steps Remember it is better to Lay in a Foxhole Then in a Hospital! Well Brother is Feeling Better now Business is OK, I Made the old Queen Booth he is Better Than nothing at all. and I Have a Nigger Boy that Comes Every Saturday Dont Persons Was Discarded in Washington yesterday with the D.S.M. and his Coming to Birmingham to Take his old Job Back at the T. M. Bank! Well the Same Thing will Happen to you when you Get Back, you will Take Charge of the Same Bank, army Store and you Returned to Dont Cuss Dem Persons! Right to your Lee There is no Defense, now Take Care of your Self. and Every Body here Wishes you and all the Boys the Best of Luck, all

Love
Sam

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my dear Boy its now Tuesday a.m. Cool + foggy and a very Gloomy Day Lottie is Still in atlanta having a Good Time I hope. mother is about the same Last nite we Played at Raymans and I Lost 700 it Didnt Exist. nothin new in abt Tuscs. Every body is busy. Working and Shooting the Goal about what macarthur is going To Do on The P.I. and how Long it will Take him To Complit The Job. Dewey and Roosevelt are working Hard Messing a Lot of Greedy and I Dont Know Who is Going To Get it but I am For Democrasy! allways. How about you. Did you Get a Ballot So you Can Vote! How Far are you moaving This Time Dont you Settle Down and Stay in one Place. For a While. I wish you Come Home and Fix my wires in The Store I am Having a Lot of Trouble it Blows out The Bulbs Every week! Well I Dont Know of any Thing Else I can Tell you. So Take Care of your Self write often and be sure That you ask For Some Thing in Every Letter as they Read The Letters and when I Send a Box. we have no Right now to Get Coca Goods. With The abc Razor I Got Working in The Store now is making a nice Present to me. he is So Drunk So he says Lots Of Love Dad

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Sgt Harold L. Bane
20416437
Co. M. 167th Inf apo. 31
c/o P.M.
San Francisco
Cal.

Air Mail

10/25/44

My Dear Ray. Just to let you know that Every Thing is O.K. I Rec'd all about Frances wedding I Think I wrote you about it 3 weeks ago. I have Some Boxes ready to Send but I Have no Requests. I Warned you that you must ask for Something in Every Letter I Guess it is So much Trouble. Every body is O.K. Lattie is Still in Atlanta it is a very nice Day it Gets Hot Every Day at Noon. Cool in the Morning It Looks Like MacArthur intends to Stay in The P.I. I Hope he Does. Yes I write you Every Day. Except when I was on my Trip I Didn't So if you Don't Get it it is Lost or Delayed. Every body in Town is Going in to my Line of Business of Horses + Foals but Still I am Doing O.K. If I only Had Help. and Room I Will Do Good Let my Ray and Don't Climb To High on the Trees. Love

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V MAIL

Love Dad

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
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10/26/44
Date

My Dear Boy I Got your letter yesterday And Glad To hear From you I Was Glad you I Love would Punch That Guy in The nose That make you Fall of The Log That Went to Town. Well I am Glad you Didnt Get Hurt I Was about Drowned Waiting all The Time I Think I wrote you about it a month ago. Lottie is in Atlanta Got an Leave For her Furlough She is Having a Good Time and Spending a Lot of money but I Cant write it as I Have Never been able To Give her any Thing before I would Like To See her Going To School and Finish Some Course. What Do you Think about it I Cant Think it would Hurt her To Get Some Raise. Well I Cant Hear of any News Except what I hear on The Radio The American Navy Did Pretty Good This week. I Hope They can Keep it up. I Cant Get any Catchups and You Cant Send any Thing in For on Rations yet you Get The Ration I Send you I Had To Start Smoking a Pipe Cant Get any Cigarets and When I Get a Pack matter Fact it away I just Hurt my Head Missing up a Box I Cant Mention up I Have To write This Letter Standing up I am Active Physical and also age a Pretty Well Fair Condition of your Self and Cant Walk on Legs any more Love Dad.

V-MAIL

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10/24/44
Date

my dear Boy its now Tuesday a.m. Cool + foggy and a very Gloomy Day Lottie is Still in atlanta having a Good Time I hope. mother is about the same Last nite we Played at Raymans and I Lost 700 it Didnt Exist. nothin new in abt Tuscs. Every body is busy. Working and Shooting the Goal about what macarthur is going To Do on The P.I. and how Long it will Take him To Complit The Job. Dewey and Roosevelt are working Hard Messing a Lot of Greedy and I Dont Know Who is Going To Get it but I am For Democrasy! allways. How about you. Did you Get a Ballot So you Can Vote! How Far are you moaving This Time Dont you Settle Down and Stay in one Place. For a While. I wish you Come Home and Fix my wires in The Store I am Having a Lot of Trouble it Blows out The Bulbs Every week! Well I Dont Know of any Thing Else I can Tell you. So Take Care of your Self write often and be sure That you ask For Some Thing in Every Letter as they Read The Letters and when I Send a Box. we have no Right now to Get Coca Goods. With The abc Razor I Got Working in The Store now is making a nice Present to me. he is So Drunk So he says Lots Of Love Dad

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From Sam Bank
(Sender's name)
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(Sender's address)

10/23/44
Date

My Dear Boy. This is monday morning and boy I need a fire in the stove but I have no coal. Well I went to sleep at 8 P.m. last nite and woke up at 12:30 turned on the Radio and stayed up until 2 a.m. That is the way I spend my nites mother is feelin as usual. a belch and a complain, once in a while. once only ambition in life, now is to be near when once boys get back, then life will begin in happines for the Banks family. I met mr. pinkerton an university grad. and talked to him you record has been lost for 3 months. and he said to me why don't you put some of your money in the bitty N. Bank, he said I understand that you and your boys have a lot of money there. and I think that you should split it up. So I told him he should practis what he preches. I see in the Paper this morning Lee C. Stevens passed away, I feel sorry for his wife shell have a hard time making a living. I think I shall offer to be a Job. Well the rumor among boobs business is picking up. a lot of boys leave for the hospital lately but I can't get the nerve. That I need. am getting some one sending you some stamps to day. Let me know if you received them. I sting the bones

That Negro Lodge is sending. Lake Bad.

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10/22/44
Date

My Dear Boy To Day is Sunday 9 am at the Store making sheets and ordering Some merchandise and of Corse Thinking of you I am going to a Bar mitzdah at Harry Sigals House, mother is home resting just Sat Supe Sixin a nice Roast Potatoes Squash and other Things, and nobody to Eat it all Nice Plenty at Sigals house Sattie went to attende yesterday To meet Some Girls from Lauderdale. I a. They are having a Fashin Show to see it is very Interesting at the House, and mother Refused To Go. To a Picture Show or a Ride. while you says Get Mad, So I Hope it Want be Long, well ole Nase Suprised the U. S. yesterday and Held Some. To a P.O. Game, nobody Can Supine it out How They Did it and I am not trying To, as I am To Busy. To Pay atention To it, I am Sending you Some Clippings From The Paper about Gen Persons, I am Sure you will be Glad To Read it what he Said about you and The Boys of The 31 Devision Tell Some of your Offs. friends you are not maded Will be To Busy Now. So Good Luck God by with you. Love Dad.

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10/28/44
Date

My Dear Boy it is Real Cool This Morning and no Coal yet. Well Sister Came Home Last nite She had a Good Time in Atlanta. and Likes it There. I Hate To Tell you The Bad news. but I Have To. anniston 3% Tuscaloosa High 0, Ala. 41. Ky. 0 Japan 27. upsid Down a Sa. 7. well. nothing new. that I Know Of you Ever See Bill Lesk. Dont Tell mother Me Told. If he Dont Know yet. but his Daddy Found out This Week. I Got a new Niga Boy now and his a Wizard I Hope he Stays He Goes To School and is a Crack man When I Send him To Store to Get. I Tell him This is his apartment To Keep it Clean So he Runs and Jumps and muses it in no Time. You Remember C.J. The Nigga That used To Work For me. and Sam For Himself. he is in The army now he Came in To See me Covered With Medals! His over 6% Tall made a Good Soldier I Hope you Folem a Good Rest I But Get The Box you Send me. are you Getin The Boxes We Send you. it is Getting Hard To Get Things To Send. Especialy what you Want. Sharlon Husband is Coming in To Day he just Got Back From Ireland. he Dont Know That he Have a Daughter 4 weeks old. you Think he he is Going To be Surprised. it Sure is nice when They Can Come Home Every 2 months. Well no use Thinking of Those Things Every Day Gets his Day By I Hope our Day is Coming. So

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FROM
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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

11/2/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy I dont know what to write To day you See yesterday I didnt have the Paper to Say Lattie made me Go to The Dentist I am Getting Tired of Going to The Dentist he Claims There am in The office and when I Get There in it Dont want Stop in. So I am not going to Fool with it much longer. my Gums or Real Tophy. now, I Can Chew Steaks Fast Bacon and eat meat. So I dont Feel Like Going Again! you know Jack wms. wms. Hammonds Lil Lights husband a Big Fello. used To Come in The Store all The time when he was in Tusla. he worked in montgomery. Well he had a Heart attack This morning at 7:30 and died. Poor Boy. he was a Good Fellow but when your Got To Go your just have To Go. Thats what you allways said. Well Lattie went To Get Some Things for Jan to, She finds it all Good it To Jan to Cut if I were you I wouldnt Try To Sell or Trade The natives any Thing. you know what The Boys will Say about 12000.000 Jews. That Was not Got any Thing To Do with it. I Hope you understand what I am Talkin about Well Take Care of your Self. and Hurry Get Back Home. Jack

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Sam Bank
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10/3/44
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Hello my Boy how are you fine & hope. I am a Lil sick all day yesterday and last nite I took a Lot of medicine and Rest all I Dont Think I have any thing Left in my Stomach but all-Right-Boy I feel weak and have no appetite Every Bone in my body hurts and Side of that I am O.K. I wish I could Stay in Bed to Day but I dont So will take it Easy today and I will be O/K tomorrow and for Saturday I have no news that I know of except what I See in the Paper. So I must say the time you Get this you will See it so I will Let the Hole here a Good Story This will Suit for off. Stay with me all the time and Save me a very Liberal Portion of Milk of Magnesia Last nite I Think She mad a mistake She Gave me enough for a mule! or would you Rather Say a Pig! I hear on the Radio now that the Russians are 28 miles from Budapest and Gen. mac arthurs is Cleaning up the Phillipines Pretty Good and Getting in the Cebu So you See it wont be Long now I will be able to Get in to mischief Take Care all my Love God Bless

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

11/6/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Son, This is monday morning and it is very cold and no coal yet. I just can't get it I will die for 3 days and mother make me take calamo. and Son did it make me clear! but I feel much better today. Thanks to you + mother! Well I had a Big Day Saturday Sold 1 Saddle for 2950 1 Saddle 4950 1 - for 850 1 for 1250. Total 5000 not bad Eh! Well mother is not feelin Good to Day! Lather Defeat Go off Last week at all. Politics are very Hot and We have a Lot of Republicans in Tuscaloosa now and a Lot of arguments and Some fights but Roosevelt is Coming in on a Clinch and a Prayer. I hope. This war + the Serbist Presidential Campaign Will make Ever Nash will be Glad when it is all over. I See in the Paper where Bishy Wise is a Lt. Colonel now, he sure is going to Town. Miss Mc Duff came in to See us Saturday after She left for Washington yesterday, well it's starting out Pretty Good This morning, I had to Stop 3 Times to make a Sale Will take Care of Jam Self I hope you injoyed Talking to Bill Neal. Tell me all about it Next he came to See you, or you went to See him all but you had Some Pull Luckiest! well Good Luck my Boy and White Keep, all my Love Dad

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FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/7/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy This is election day I Voted A Republican ticket & went To the Show I Hope my men Gets it. Wee have a Lot of Republicans in Tuscaloosa now. I Cant Quand Why! Well it is nice and Cool This morning and no Coal yet. I am Feelin Some Better now I went To Bryan Last nite and Lost 6 lbs no needs of importance Pug had a Big Fire in his Cane mill and Lost a Lot of money! Business is Holding up Good but I am Selling out my Stock and Cant Replace it. I Should be Going To the movies now but I Cant Get away! So. Will Just Have To Stay and So What wee Can! Wee Haven't Heard From you in 6 Days! I Hope you are Getting my Mail! and Babes Did you Get a Box From The Bahimian Bakery! Let me Quand it is Supose To be a Fruit Cake! I Wrote him To Send you! I Hope you Catch a Lot of Fish with The Fishin Tackle I Sent you. I Dont Quand what To Say! my Sence of Humor is very Shy now! you Heard about The 3 Exiles that Were Facing Each Other Says in The army one Says well my George Got his Lieutenacy Last Week The next Says my John Got his Captaincy So The 3rd. Says ah Hah! God my Jimmy Still Got his Privacy! Well Take Care of your Self and Let us Hear From you all my Love

Sam

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.

11/8/44
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Hey Boy. Well wee are saved for the next 4 years. The Democrats wan a great victory and wee have a lot of Democratic Republicans that want be able to show Theyre face for a long Time! Boy it were a exciting campaghne! The Republicans want yet over This for a long Time! Even Mother stayd up until 12 a.m. To hear the returns, Well I didnt hear from you yet, I hope your o.k. it is a nice day To day! and no rain yet 30 days without rain and my car needs washing the best an it is 1½ T[illegible]. Mother is not feeling well I think She will go To Birmingham for a week. She have been cleaning House, and you know what that means! If wee could only hear from Bert. I dont know what I am having To do about rubee! I want Betty By Mail and I dont Go To the movies So I will just have To tell what I have and take it easy for a while and I dont care. I just hate To sit around when there is so much To do! I told you my Rent have been Raised 50% from the first of the year Even Lady on the Place! Got the same yattie! I dont care I want Even Tote a Coup Cant as Kartojiel and Herman are doing. Well Take care of yourself and write. Love all my Love. Dad

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11/10/44
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Hey Dear Boy How are you Got 2 Letters from you yesterday Glad to hear your O.K. Were to busy to write yesterday but they started coming in in the morning and all day just like a Xmas. Each in a 10 ¢ Store I Know. They make a mistake Brandts Dollar Store Had 2 Pages in the Paper Wednesday As they came to the 5 and 10 Store. Had about Escaping a Cigaret for a Deck with the Letters I Know it Wont be no Trouble Carrying with you. When you Receive you still Didnt Tell me If you Received the Big Knife Knife I Sent you but Want Some more you Said I Havent any now I Cant Get them I Can Sell all I Get Here, We Sent a Cable Yesterday Time the Red X When are going to find him, you can Listen over there Some nite. Cant you. Well Dont Do it Waste until the Division Goes with you, Who is your next General now. I Hope you like him Lattie Just came in and Reading the Paper. it is only 10 a.m. She will Read until 11.30 Then She will go for Lunch When She Gets Back mother will be here, and They will go Shopin. and Thats the way we Spend all Day Sat Sun Hope

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11/13/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy how are you and your Mascot Getting along I wish you would bring him back with you I need a mascot bad now Got your Letters, and Glad you hear well Got your Return Went to OK. I Pray Day and nite for your Return Went to Raymans Last nite and made 16.50 to nite is Nite Nite B.B. mother went to Montgomery Last nite with Lottie The Last Time! well I Have To Put With Lottie The Last Time! well I Have To Put The Car up To Day no Gas. I am Going To Try and Get Some Gas From The Reasons Board. If I Cant Get it I am Going To Change The Car! To Day is the Last Day To Get The License Well Thing are as usual Working Hard and Regular I Just Got Some Coal! So it turned warm again The U. of Ala Have a Game From Miss State I Think it is 21 To 7. it is about Time why Cant you Let me Know what you Think I about marry Cooper and my Self Going in To the army Store and when you Get Back you Can Take my Place. and all Step out. Will Cant Send any more Notes as I Have no Reports and I told You many Times To ask For Some Thing in Every Letter. So it is up To you I Want Remind you of this again. So Take Care of your Self. and Let me Know By your Getting any Notes Love Dad

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FROM
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11/12/44

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(Sender's complete address above)

Hey Dear Peay How are you Good I Hope & Had a Letter from Emanuel he Tells me he Heard from you! and Told me about you wasent Hard about Bringing him Home with you and Have the Natives make me 3 Chairs For the Porch. We sure need it Tuscaloosa High Plaid Possesion Last nite I Havent found out yet How it Came out! I will in a minute! Hear it is Bessemer 15. Tusca 000. Some Game We Had to Play the 2nd Team Every one of the first String were sick! and after the Game The whole Team were sick! I think you Says Will Have to Come Home and Thank the Boys Have to Play Ball. The old Fashin Way! Well nothing Mud to Day is armistis Day and We Have a Big Parade will Close 11 oclock 1.30 So we will Have a Good Time Possesion is Good but I Cant Get any meat! My Harness Bussy Will not be Very much From now on Every body in Town is Handlin Harness From now on. Randall is opening up a Harness manufacturing Plase in Tuscaloosa So you Know What That will mean to me! Every Thing I Start Some body Gets in To it But one Thing is Good. I Got mine and They will Have to Scratch For it Well I'll Take Care of your Gift Let me Know if you Retire Ha Ha all my Love Sam

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San Francisco, California

Sam Bank
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11/14/44

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(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Son Hard are yaw. well Jams Infantry Parat Hear Sunday Going To Ga. in a Hopital his Legs Have been Smashed but his in Hope it Will be O.K. Laaw. Troy Lady. in Tusca. is O.K. Had a B.B. meting at Rayanans Hous. and it Wase very nice. Dit Nat Eat much Just a Peace of Cake and 4 Drinks and it Knock me out. I Cant See Hard I make it Hame I Cant Face it any more Latter Went To Birmingham yester Day. For the week End I Think She will be Back Thursday or Fryday She Love Saint Loice Tuscaloosa. Mother is about The Same Have you Herd from Wa Lately. I Navent Gotten a Letter from S.I. in 2 months I Dont Know Whats the matter There. I Hear from Chicago often. I Got yaw Lep. Board yester Day. They Love on Hand about Sending Them. well it Looks Like The P.T. Fight is Starting up Same The Japs on Reinforcin and Putin up a Good Fight it Looks Like Germany is Going To Crase Soon Hearing. To The Radio Kitten can not be Found. I Have No Coat. Well Take Care of yaw Self and Write often. Dont Play with Them Rippers Bad Much. Love God

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My Baby Hand are you Sorry Thing at the all right. Letter is Stole in Birmingham The Ball Last nite She Wants me and mother to Come to Birmingham to marvel as it is The 16th of nocember. Thanx that mean any thing yes it Does! but not This year! I am very much Surprised at you Father asky all The Sugar Cain Drom The natives for a Piece of Candy! you Should not Do any Thing Like That. Of you Call it For 50 Cts. For it you Should a Sung Thing Happend yeaterday Mr. Clendon Send me in Some Texas Saddles and Charged me 50.60+70 for Each. and I Started to Send Them Back and a man Drom miss Pound my and asked me How much and I Told him 75.8900. and 900 So he Pick and 6 army Saddles and Lays I will Give you 75.00 Each for it. So I Said to him Brother Let me See your Name and he Said! Ok I am ordering 6 mare to Ship Well no mules Except what I Sie in The River I want To The O.P.A. Had Some argument and The Trade me 25 Cal Gone So That Will hold me for a While are you Getting any Mares Late? we are Sending. I will See you Don't Say any Thing about it

All my Love

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/15/44

(Sender's complete address above)

My Baby Now are you Sorry Thing at the
is OK. Sattie is Stole in Birmingham She Calls
Last Nite She Wants me and mother To
Come To Birmingham To Spend xs. it is
The 16th of November Thanks that mean any thing
yes it Does! but not This year! I am very
much Surprised at you Taken away all
The Sugar Cause From The ration For a
Piece of Candy, you Should not Do any
Thing Like That. But you Call it For 50¢ a Day
For if you Should a Funny Thing Happened
yesterday Mr. Clenlan Lend me in Same.
Texas Saddles and Charged me 50.60+70 For
Each. and I started To Lend them Back and
a man From miss Passed By and asked
me How much and I Told him 75.80.
and 90.00 So he Pick and 6 army Saddles and
Says I Will Give you 300.00 Cash For it. So
I Said To him Brother Let me See your Money
and he Did! So I am ordering 6 more To Day
Well no News Except What I See in The Paper
I went To The O.P.A. Had Some argument and
The Dame me 25 Gal Gase So That Will Hold
me For a While are you Getting any Rations
Stamps or Sending Them Over, you Don't say
any Thing about it

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20418637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster.
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/12/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy Hope you well another Day! and a nice one well I got another nice Home Run and Celk Peperner yesterday and he will send it soon To Day as usual Little Dent Home Runs! The Ring had a special Poker Game in my Honor and I took Home Chips Ginger ale and Cake and when Had a Good Times and I Lost 12 Bucks! So Stats Stinky well Spent The 11th Day of November, To Marvard is Home Coming Day, and Ala is Playing miss, So it is a Big Day For us a Funnus! Every Thing is as usual Except you The Bunch of Stinky To Lights Lights Get it So Lights it and Send it Back To me at once you want Cigars, well Cigars and Cigarets are a Luxury People Run after Tedin all Day, Trying To find Some and all you Get is More Run and Breaks That I never Heard of I am Smoking Old Mine Lately Cigarets Sold in Chicago Jan 1st a Pack at auction and when I Mention a Cigar he Rides in his name! no am Off a Cigaret to any Body no more! but any Body Can't Get it unless the Have a Rule of Course Matt is Getting Some Some Times! now I Can Send you Some Tedies, Don't Can't Start Smoking Cigars Good Luck, Dad

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TO:
Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/20/40
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy Hard are you Good I Hope Well monday morning and Glad to Cool and Looks like Rain an Snow, Had a Good Day Saturday ala Beat miss 19-0. Tuscaloosa 7 Alabama 0. 24000 People went To See The Game Saturday at The Stadium The Parken were Full of miss. People The Restaurants Did Some Business! I am Glad I am not in The Restaurant Business now! The Modern Coffee Salt and To Johny Walker The one That is on The Board of Regents! nothing new in Tuscaloosa Every Body is working Hard. The 4th War Bond is Starting To Day at 11.30 I am Selling 6000.00 For you Tomorrow now you can use all The Rules you want To as I am Going For it I Hope we Go over The Top. I Have The old men working yet and he is Getting Better all the time now! he Can Figure up The Price of a Re 290 Ho. as Good with The Tax I Have a Good nigger Boy That Comes Every Saturday and he is very Good Had a Boy From The U. of ala was out 4 Days ago I Befour Game Start he Could not Fat it. So wee Sait all ware Left wee ar Going For Thanksgiving and his Wife Thursday For Thanks Givin Day, he Promised To Come, I Hope he Comes. Well For ware anniversary I Got Mother a House Coat For 1.95 and a Re Silk Pajamas 7.95 and She Wants To Send it Now as usual Da Dada

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/21/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Hobby Harold Now are you you must be getting tired when you want me to send you Chains and all kind of junk! Well we had dinner Thanksgiving Last night and I made about 6.50 it Baby Schutt Pay! when are you sending the bonds you use to start with that 1000 you won in a Poker Game! Every Thing at home is as usual Sister is sleeping home this week! Sam a Stinge! Nervous & very hard but no good news! Just Cant get it unless I go after it. So We just make out without it. Now is your mother getting along! I hope you learn more English than you have indian! are there any Jews in that Place! Have you had a Jewish Chaplain! We are having a Big Dinnerdance meeting to night and We are going to sell Bonds, Sunday nite a Banquet at the County Club for the National Jewish Charities That We have once a year! That means another 100 Dollars for the army Store! So you See it always some Thing! and I Thank God. That I can Tell who is the new Girl That you want me to send a 1000 Present to I Cant even know her! Cant you introduce her! To me! Tell my Sister mimmie that it was her 60 th Birth Day and not the 60. I am 58 and She is 2 years older than I am! The Wars Have Changed Some Things! but not Women Ages!

All my Love Dad!

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "K", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam [illegible]
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/22/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Hey Boy How are you Good I am sure Well Like the 4th war Bond Started yesterday and Every body is working to Get over the top. I Purchased 2000.00 for you 2000.00 for Lattie 800.00 for mother. If it Becomes necessary I am going to Get 2000.00 more. So you See I am doing my Part at Home and you Can Tell the World That, it is nice and Cool This morning and I Feel Good. went To bed Last nite at 8. and Got up This morning 10 minuts to 7. That's not a Bad nites Sleep. The Business is Picking up Good! I Dont Know for How Long What are you doing now Just Resting and Getting Ready for a Jump! or not I Hope it Be quick and That you Wait for me there to Get in To Bebe. and Then you will Jump in To Mine and Ride. Right This is # 1 question to Tell me # 1 Right or # Rong! when you Write! I Hope they Didnt move Bat From Camp # 7. If I Could only Hear From him. So you think he Have been Married! Well Lattie is having a Good Time Like Dorlan is at the House for a Week. So They Go out Every nite and I am Glad of That! as it is Bad That She Have To Stay in the House Every nite well write often Tell me about your Married and Send me the Picture you made all my Love Dad

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...gt., Harold L. BANK 20416837
Co. "H", 157th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/23/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My dear Ray Today is Thursday Thanksgiving and I just got to the store at 10 a.m. The Red Cross came along up a little while ago and I have some letters to write so I'm going for dinner but came back that matter because Sunday and it taste very good. I hope you had a good turkey dinner today it was announced on the Radio that your Youth Co. that messes as satisfied I'm glad that all the boys in the armed forces are getting a good dinner. I am thankful for that! and I'm sure every body else is I don't know of any thing new I can tell you except the news from the German Front Looks very good. I don't see how they can keep on very long with the allies all around them. it is just a matter of time I hope it won't be long now. Every thing is cleared up and it looks like Sunday morning! I had Bill Mann first mail he told me that Stanley Osborne is in England Co. is Baby Shore. For the Last 3 or 4 weeks. Well I am going to write to my Sister Minnie this morning and wish her a happy Thanksgiving. So Take care of your self and Give me the Latest news Report I'm your Son Harold Bank

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V-MAIL

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FROM: Sam Bank

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 5

V ···— MAIL

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TO: Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637

Co. "M", 167th Infantry,

APO 31, c/o Postmaster,

San Francisco, Calif.

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/24/44

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy Happy Thanks Giving To you
Well it was a Dull Day Picture Show in the
afternoon Racer Game at nite Both Rotary
Weather Stayed Same all Day went for a Ride
Last nite with Lottie and Cleo. it is nice and
cool this morning just made a Fire and
it Feels Good. I See in the Paper this morning
where Navy High Playd West End yesterday
and had 28000 People to See the Game Rain
it went on. The Proceeds is to the Crippled
Children Hospital. Same Crowd for a N.S.
Game Well it is now 9:30 a.m. and my nigger
Boy just Came to work and he Says that
is the best he Can Do. and I must not Say
any Thing; or he will tell Lewis about it and
I want he able to Get any body Else. So that's the
way it is. I wish I was working for Same body
and have the Pleasure of telling my Boss where
To Get off. Don't you wish you was working
for Julius Levin now, and tell him Same Thing
My Boys where Good old Days working
all afternoon and make you Run the Steps up
and Down the Basement and then he tells you
You have To work To nite for nothing; and
if you Don't want to Do it Same body Else is
waiting that wants to Do it. So you See Times
have Changed Hitler Did a Lot for the Laboring
People, Take Care of Your Self My Boy, allways
Love Dad

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/25/42

(CENSOR'S STAMP) SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy This is Saturday morning and it Raines with a Light Sleet Cool and nasty! Well yesterday I sent 2 Bags to the Navie and They Put all The Rugs on The Floors and The Linolium on The Kitchen Floore mother Latter and Also Relief Them Ex. mother is happy To Have The Floors Covered again So now you Boys can come home! and make your Self comfortable! I See where Some of our Boy Took a trip To Tokio and Started a Fire in Some of The Plants of The Japenes Government. Thats not nice for a Bunch of american Boys To Do. They are Suppose To be intelligent what Do you Think about it! I Befint hear From you all Never What's The matter! Everyone is Glad This war and I Think it is Going To be Glad with me I need Some Mole! and I Cant Go after it. So will Have To Take it Easy For a While no news I Know of That is important So I would Like To Tell you a Joke but I Cant Know any Joken one and I Know you Cant Associate any other Kind! So Good Luck my Boy and Take Care of your Self write often Let me Know if you Getting any Books Lately

All my Love Dad

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/27/44

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Ray well This is Monday morning Nice and Cold Hazel came all Day Sunday went To The Country Club Last night For The Banquet Latter + Bles went With me mother Cost not So. now Raised 720.00 Must 12000.00 So will Get Bak. This week. Came of. The Boys From Tunis Didnt Come! Had a Speaker From new york a German Refugee. escaped From a Concentration Camp, and was Plenty Good. he was a news Paper man in Germany Ufar The War. I See in The Paper where Jap had Come trable With The Japs in your Part of The Country Why cant you Clean out Those Japs From your island Had a Good Day Saturday I Stick Lack Could Do more but I Cant Get any. Mose! Ole Nate To mucle out! Gave Ray and Charlot Come over For a while yesterday Sammy is Still in all. Calause To Galesburg. ala is Going To Play in new orleans. and Tenn in Cotton Bowl. Cordell Hull Resigned as Secretary. So I Put my aplication For The Job if I Get it I Will Get you To Come Home! how about it My Store Salesmen Just Sold a Dress For 39.9 That Were worth 398 Just a Slight Error and he Could not tell The Different. He Have been Manager For Guins 5. N. Store 4 years So he must of made a Lot of money For Guin all my Luck Sam

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

11/28/44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy it is very Cold & Rainy my Fingers are Frozen Boy this will help Business! Well Last nite Were a Real one for me. at Raymans! no Lice at all. nothing new in Town Every body is trying To Sell Some Bonds & Purchased 150.00 and Got 6 Bonds To the Rama. For Thursday nite mother Promised To Go To. I Told her That we Gimes Closed The Tickets because he Didnt See her at The Rama For 3 years! I Dont Know what To write my mind is Blank, I Didnt hear From you in 10 Days. what Did you Do With The 140.00 you Were in That Poker Game! I Hope you Didnt Blow it Back To the Boys! I See Where We are Living The Japs Came Diving at Manila! The Boys Cleaned up at Leyte! I Hear on The Radio just now That you Had Some Trouble on your Island From the Japs! What The Water, Cant you Stop Those Japs There I Hear now That we Bombed Mindanao Last nite! I Hope They Dont Bomb The Prison Camps! where Bert is! I have a Guy That's been Bothering me about Giving him Some money on a investment Hes Got and wants To Put it on The market! Just Came in and Wanted 25.00 and when visiting To? Told him I Would Give the Money and I also Told Him Now Keep it To Get it From the Bank. Take Care

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Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/29/44

(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Son it is a nasty morning Rain and Sleet it is now 8:45 a.m. and it is Dark yet. I Slept Sleep a Wink Last Nite I heard on the Radio that the Japs made a Raid on Manila and they had it on the Radio all nite I hope you Came out O.K. I am sure that God answer my Prayer! mother had a Bad day yesterday her Piles have been Giving her a Lot of Trouble! but She is better to Day! Dr. McInnis came in to See her yesterday Told me about George being a Decoration in Italy for Bravery during action. I See in the Paper that they are going to Broad Cast on new years Day. Ala + Duke in new orleans So he Live and Time in Birmingham had a Large Fire Steins Corner on 20th + 2nd ave from the 20th Century Racing to the Powder Shop on 2nd ave. All around Steines Clothing Store Destroyed but Steins No Damage, They Insured it. I understand Eff Cooper Purchased a nice home in Rainbow Springs! he is working for Loeffler Clothing Store on Twist Live Oak! and Main St. Oh well. I Go that is about all the news. my Business Slack up this week I am Getting short of Nickel and Long of Salt! if you understand what I mean, Lade who write with Love

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APO 31, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Sam Bank
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
11/30/44
(Sender's complete address above)

My Dear Boy at Last I Got 3 Letters from you Written 23-25 and 26 of Last month Latter I Got your Pictures yesterday that She had developed it cost 35¢ and the Pictures are not Good. it is Just Wasting money! Wee had the Rain Last yesterday Wee Had in years but it made grass became Wee had a Rain Just before the Lawn I. Were Getting Ready To To Seating. Whats the Matter you Dont Write Every day Let me Know about the Japs Landing on Marcus I. Dont unders tand it. I Know your not there but that wile Just you Retired the 2 Lines. am I Right. it is very Cool To Day I Hope it will Lasted again I See it Matter is Feelin Better Marvis Sam or Sammy To Day Beverly is in a Beauty Contest Well Nothing new I Know Latter Have been Warsing Pretty Regular Lately Every Day next Tuesday She is Going To Birmingham To See the Navy Wife and I wish I Could See it. Arnold Hartgrieck is Leaving For O. Lea. next Week and his Wife is Going To Have a baby in Feb. 1945 a Man Have been Worrying me about Selling me a Encyclopedia Britanica. 1899 and Latter Wanted it So Bad So I Called Dr Lang and he Told me To Get Some other Kind Cost about 49.50 So I Think I am Going To Get one. what Do you Think about it Let me Know all My Love Dad

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REPLY BY V-MAIL

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORM 1

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To

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416437
Co. M. 167th.Inf. A.P.O. 81
C/o Post Master,
San Francisco, Calif.

From

Sam Bank,
(Sender's name)
Tuscaloosa
(Sender's address)
Alabama

12/14/44
(Date)

Dear Hal well here I am in Hot Springs Ark my first Night First day Five Miles and Not a message and a Lot of Jews. The Guy That Rated me Was trying To Get Funny and Bend My Nose Real Hard and Put a Cable Release on me Real Hard. So I Got a Real Look at him and When Really Had a Lot of Jews. The Boy That Works with me is a Wizard Cousin of Dave Hudson. and Very Fine Boy. We are Going To Have a Lot of Fun To Gether I am Staying at The Same Place that I Stayed The Last Time When I was Here With mother. Sarah Ann Sent Write me Here as I am Going To Her Back Home. By The Time you Get This Letter I Will Have a Lot of Funds Dear That I used To Read Boy I am Going To Take a Good Rest I Will Try my Hand in a Poker Game To Nite. Perhaps I can make my Expenses While Here. I am Going To Little Rock To Morrow. See if I Can Find Some Relatives of yes. I Got a Comment you Send Me and it is Very Nice Can you Send any More of Them. There is a Copy of Dewitt in The Rec of me Here at The Barracks. Both Have Financial About Paper. So I Will Have To Let Against

V ···- MAIL

Love, Sam

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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FOR YOU,

Son

ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY





This greeting for your Birthday
Holds many thoughts of you,
Many treasured memories,
And deep affection too,
With wishes that the future
May bring in every way
Fulfillment of each wish, Son,
That goes to you today.

Mother + Daddy

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CENSOR'S STAMP

To Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co. "M", 167th Infantry
APO 31, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

From Sam Bank
Sender's name
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Sender's address

10/27/44

Dear Son Ray now it is 9 a.m. Friday cool and no fire in the stove as I have no coal. mother will be freezing when she comes to the store Cattle is supose to come home today but 9 a.m. not here as it will the Battle of the navy in the P.I. came out very good. we sistraged lots of the Jap ships but they will come back for some more I am sure had a letter from Dick yesterday Harry spend up a wissey home in Elgin. Ill I hope he will do good. and Wally is a Lieu men now for some Chemical Co. and likes it. Very much bob. is on his way across! So thats the latest news of the family in Chicago. nothing new here except Prices keep Market on the up and up Sold out to Ripley Wife of miss and they had there opening yesterday So I took mother down at 2 P.M. and She purchased some Margarine Cleaner &c Hell is taking it so Say for 7½ do you know how mother feels about it. I have not found out yet where Tuscaloosa High is playing to nite but I think it is auniston will let you know to morrow I hope you don't mind I know you will take a rest for a while you next move will be to Mindanao. So keep Look and Take Care

V MAIL

Love Dad

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- CABLE
- PAINT
- BATHTUBS
- SINKS
- CARPENTER TOOLS

1/5/45

Dearest Harold,

Daddy looks a little spoiled, doesn't he ~~pl~~ bowling —

Lottie

- MACHINIST TOOLS
- BLACKSMITH TOOLS
- ARMY SADDLES
- TEXAS SADDLES
- BRIDLES
- BREECHING
- SINGLE HARNESS
- DOUBLE CHECK LINES
- COLLARS
- TRACES
- HAMES
- HAMESTRAPS
- ALL KINDS OF LEATHER STRIPS
- COW AND HORSE HALTERS
- LINES